



Lorraine Hansberry

John Boys
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House 9

Early Life

- ◉ May 19, 1930 – January 12, 1965
- ◉ 2 years at Univ. of Wisconsin
- ◉ New York Newspaper *Freedom*
- ◉ Resigned after 2 years to marry another writer in 1953



A Raisin In The Sun

- ◉ Debuted on Broadway in March 1959
- ◉ First black writer and director
- ◉ Dispute over insurance money (legal struggles)
- ◉ Personal experiences
- ◉ 530 performances

Themes

- ◉ Dreams
- ◉ Moral Justice
- ◉ Discrimination
- ◉ Family Values



Adaptations

- ◉ 1961 film -National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actress
- ◉ 1974 Musical -Tony Award
- ◉ 1989 and 2008 TV film versions

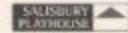
Late Life

- 1963 pancreatic cancer
- Husband divorced in 1964
- Published unfinished works



A Raisin in the Sun

by Lorraine Hansberry



'A Raisin in the Sun was a revelation to me. It's still fresh. It is still relevant. Lorraine Hansberry was a visionary.'

Spike Lee



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