

Sharon Draper



- 1997 National Teacher of the Year
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Sharon Draper's books include the *Hazelwood High Trilogy: Tears of a Tiger* (winner of the first Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent), *Forged by Fire* (winner of the 1998 Coretta Scott King Award), and *Darkness Before Dawn*, as well as *Romiette and Julio*.

A former high school English teacher and the 1997 National Teacher of the Year, Ms. Draper currently travels around the country speaking at educational conferences. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.