

SDG Reads

Author Biography:

Lawrence Hill, a professor of creative writing at the University of Guelph, is the author of ten books, including *The Illegal*, *The Book of Negroes*, *Any Known Blood*, and *Black Berry, Sweet Juice: On Being Black and White in Canada*. He is the winner of various awards including The Commonwealth Writers' Prize, the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, and two-time winner of CBC Radio's Canada Reads. Hill delivered the 2013 Massey Lectures, based on his non-fiction book *Blood: The Stuff of Life*. He co-wrote the adaptation for the six-part television miniseries *The Book of Negroes*, which attracted millions of viewers in the United States and Canada and won eleven Canadian Screen Awards in 2016. The recipient of seven honorary doctorates from Canadian universities, as well as the 2017 Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize, Hill served as chair of the jury of the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize. He is the grandson and son of African-American soldiers who served with the American Army during WW I and WW II, respectively, and is working on a new novel about the African-American soldiers who helped build the Alaska Highway in 1942-43. He is a Member of the Order of Canada, and lives with his family in Hamilton ON and in Woody Point, NL. He may be reached through his website: www.lawrencehill.com.

