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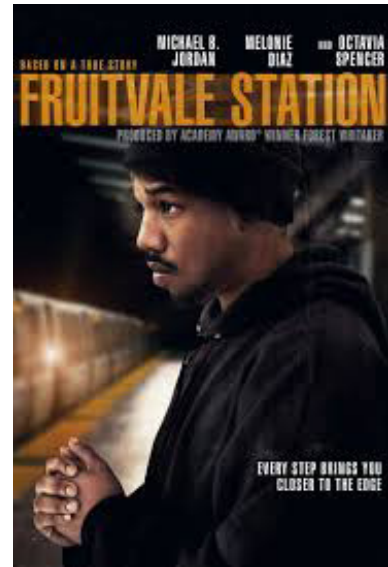
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN FILM



This year's winner of the Distinguished Achievement Award in Film is the critically acclaimed film *Fruitvale Station*, written and directed by Ryan Coogler.

Fruitvale Station follows the true story of Oscar Grant (played by Michael B. Jordan), a 22-year-old Bay Area resident who wakes up on the morning of December 31, 2008, and feels something in the air. Not sure what it is, he takes it as a sign to get a head start on his resolutions:

being a better son to his mother (Octavia Spencer), whose birthday falls on New Year's Eve; being a better partner to his girlfriend Sophina (Melonie Diaz), with whom he has not been completely honest as of late; and being a better father to Tatiana (Ariana Neal), their beautiful four year-old daughter. Crossing paths with friends, family, and strangers, Oscar starts out well, but as the day goes on, he realizes that changes are not going to come easily. His resolve takes a tragic turn, however, when Bay Area Rapid Transit officers shoot him in cold blood at the Fruitvale subway stop on New Year's Day. Oscar's life and tragic death shook the Bay Area—and the entire nation—to its very core.



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BOOK



*Men We Reaped:
A Memoir*
Jesmyn Ward
Bloomsbury USA

FILM



Gideon's Army
Dawn Porter
Trilogy Films

MAGAZINE



*"With 2.3 Million People
Incarcerated in the US,
Prisons Are Big Business"*
Liliana Segura
The Nation

NEWSPAPER



*"Split the Baby:
Two Sides of an
Adoption Battle"*
Olivia LaVecchia
City Pages

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RADIO



"Going to Rikers Island"
Maria Hinojosa
Latino USA (NPR)

TV/VIDEO



"Our Turn To Dream"
Brittany Washington
Brave New Films

WEB



"The Fight for Black Men"
Joshua DuBois
The Daily Beast/Newsweek

YOUTH MEDIA



"Life Under Suspicion: Youth Perspectives on NYPD's Stop-and-Frisk Policy"
Raelene Holmes-Andrews
Educational Video Center