

# Jamie McGhee

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Jamie McGhee is a novelist who aspires to build, through language, interactive spaces of resistance and experimentation. Her books include *You Mean It or You Don't: James Baldwin's Radical Challenge* (co-authored with Dr. Adam Hollowell of Duke University) and the forthcoming *What I Must Tell the World: The Story of Lorraine Hansberry* (written in partnership with director Lena Waithe). McGhee has been supported by residencies and awards from Zürich University of the Arts in Switzerland, Nawat Fes in Morocco, Instituto Sacatar in Brazil and Künstlerdorf Schöppingen in Germany.

## SELECT BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- 2025                      **Not Light, But Fire**  
Historical novel about US Civil War revolutionary Mary Bowser, who emancipated millions of enslaved African Americans through espionage.  
Macmillan Publishers
- 2024                      **Vive Toussaint**  
Nonfiction book about Haitian revolutionary Toussaint Louverture and his role as diplomat and liberator.  
Macmillan Publishers
- 2024                      **What I Must Tell the World: The Story of Lorraine Hansberry**  
Nonfiction book about the creative process of queer Black playwright Lorraine Hansberry, author of *A Raisin in the Sun*.  
Zando Projects
- 2022                      **You Mean It or You Don't: James Baldwin's Radical Challenge**  
Nonfiction analysis and reading of James Baldwin's philosophy and fiction in light of contemporary American politics.  
Broadleaf Books
- 2021                      **Game, Set, Sisters!**  
Biography detailing the unique bond that fuels Venus and Serena Williams' tennis career in the face of American racism.  
Macmillan Publishers
- 2019                      **Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Entrepreneurs Who Revolutionized the World**  
Compendium of political pioneers who broke barriers in their fields across the world.  
Macmillan Publishers

## SELECT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023                      **Voices Rising Fellow**  
Vermont Studio Center  
Johnson, United States
- 2023                      **Emerging Creator Fellow**  
Arts & Science Council  
Charlotte, United States / Salvador, Brazil
- 2023                      **School of Commons Fellow**  
Zürich University of the Arts  
Zürich, Switzerland

- 2023 **I, Too Arts Collective Scholar**  
Highlights Foundation  
Honesdale, United States
- 2023 **Text Transit Writing Fellow with Elnathan John**  
Humboldt Universität  
Berlin, Germany
- 2022 **Featured Writer**  
Queer Arts Festival  
Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg
- 2019 **James Baldwin Writing Fellow**  
La Maison Baldwin  
Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France

### **SELECT ART RESIDENCIES**

- 2024 **Nawat Fes Artist-in-Residence**  
American Language Center  
Fes, Morocco
- 2023 **Peripheries Artist-in-Residence**  
Proto Produkciia  
Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- 2023 **Writer-in-Residence**  
Wort und Wirkung Literatur Kollektiv  
Zürich, Switzerland
- 2023 **Artist-in-Residence**  
KARP Kamina Art Center  
Lomé, Togo
- 2022 **Writer-in-Residence**  
Künstlerdorf Schöppingen  
Schöppingen, Germany
- 2019 **Writer-in-Residence**  
Instituto Sacatar  
Itaparica, Brazil
- 2018 **Writer-in-Residence**  
Blue Mountain Center  
New York, United States

### **EDUCATION**

- 2012 – 2016 B.A. International Comparative Studies (Major)  
English and Religion (Minors)  
Reginaldo Howard Full Merit Scholar  
Duke University, Durham, United States
- 2014 **Summer Participant**  
Iowa Writers' Workshop  
Iowa City, United States