

**Trailblazing Actress And Civil Rights Activist Cicely Tyson**

**December 19, 1924 – January 28, 2021**





1972: Tyson, the pioneering Black actress who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder" .





1974: The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman – Scene “At the Water Fountain”



Cicely Tyson accepted an Emmy in 1974 for her starring role in “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman”.



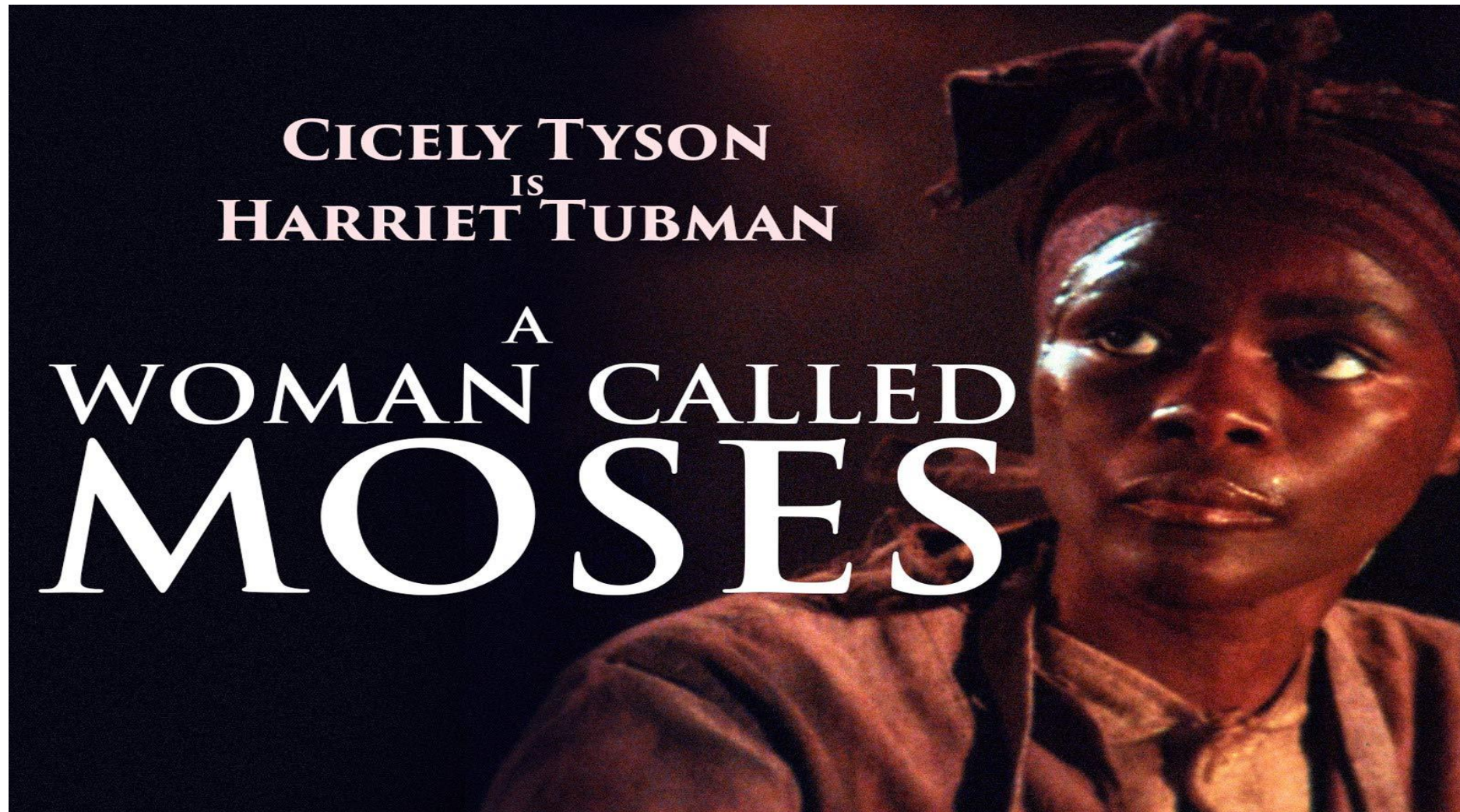
Cicely Tyson paved way for Black actors to follow footsteps:Cicely Tyson poses with her Emmy statuettes at the annual Emmy Awards presentation in Los Angeles, Ca., May 28, 1974. Tyson won for her role in “The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman” for actress of the year, special, and best lead actress in a television drama for a special program.





1977: Cicely Tyson as Binta, Kunte Kinte's Mom in "Roots The Mini Series".





1978: Cicely Tyson as Harriet Tubman in the Underground Railroad, "A Woman called Moses".



1978: Cicely Tyson as Coretta Scott King in the Mini series “King”.



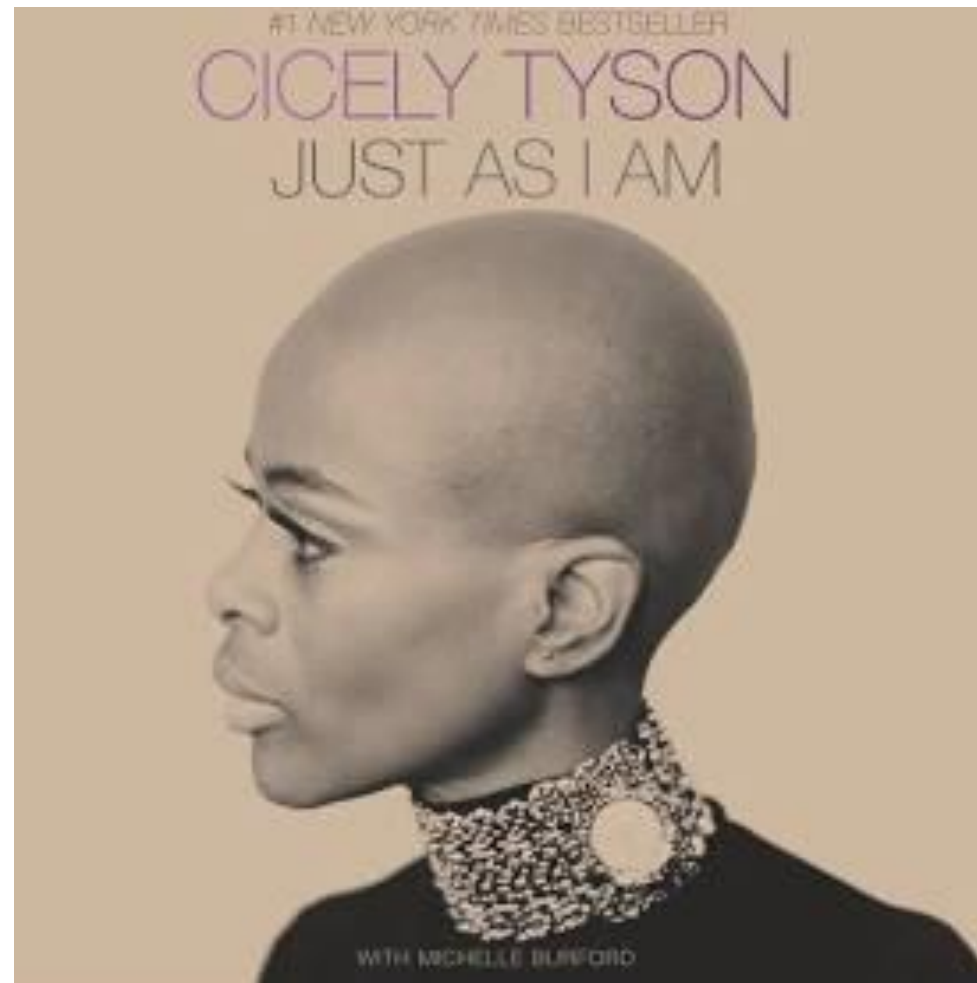


1981: President Reagan and Nancy Reagan met Harlem born actress Cicely Tyson and Arthur Mitchell founder and director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem at the Kennedy Center, received an Emergence Award from the (Dance Theatre of Harlem) company for her support.



A Kennedy Center honoree in 2015; Cicely Tyson was awarded the 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.





Tyson's memoir, [\*Cicely Tyson: Just As I Am\*](#), was released on Jan. 26, just two days before she passed.



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