

Ta-Nehisi Coates at Monticello

The award-winning author visited Monticello to research his powerful new novel

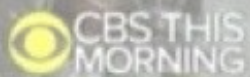
In 2018, Ta-Nehisi Coates—a National Book Award-winning author whose work has been lauded by Toni Morrison and recognized with a MacArthur Fellowship—visited Monticello as he was researching *The Water Dancer*. He was deeply impacted by what he saw and heard here.

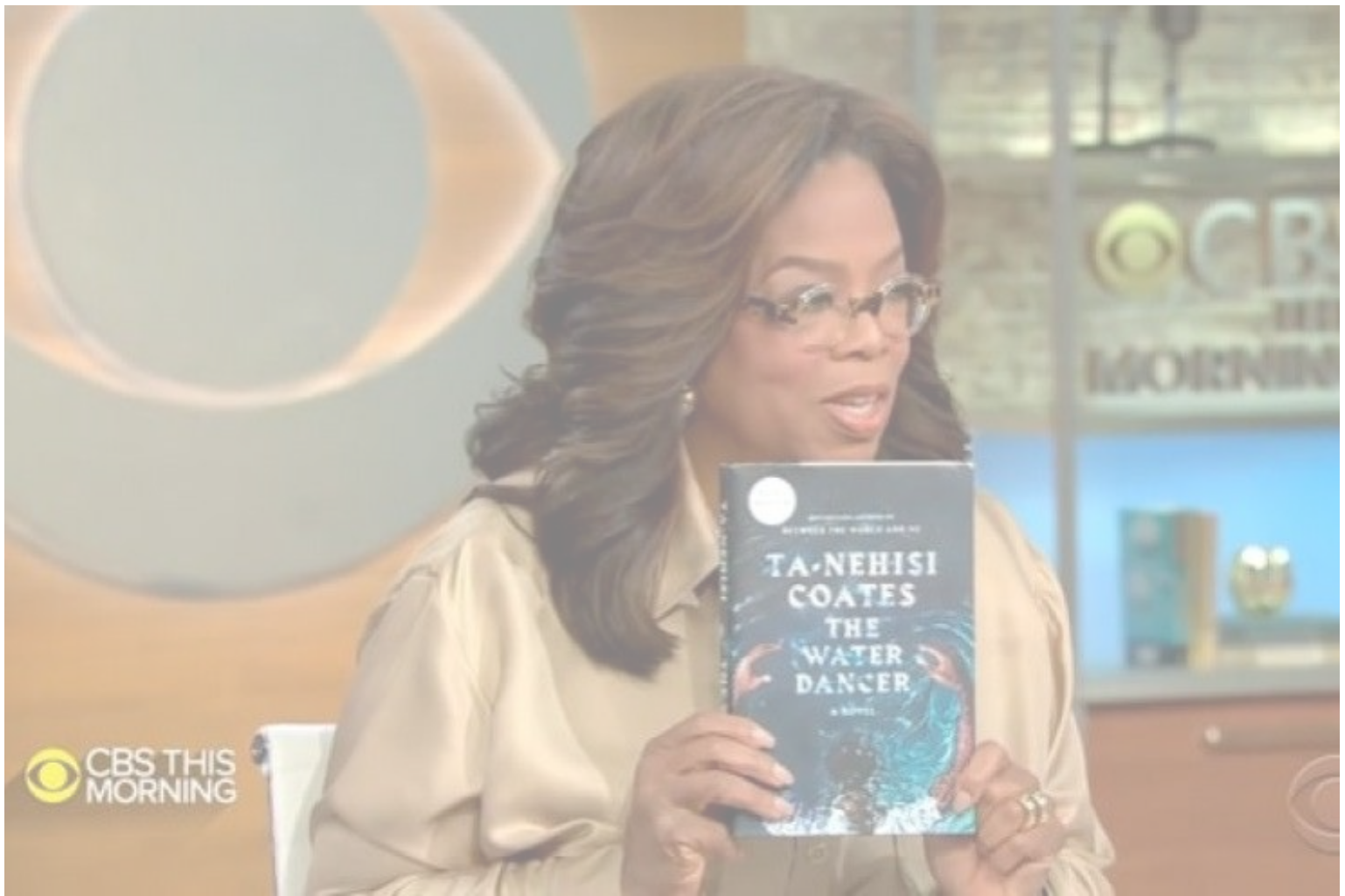
Described by Oprah Winfrey as “one of the best books I have ever read in my entire life,” *The Water Dancer* tells the story of a young boy born into slavery on a Virginia plantation and the mysterious power he discovers.

The Water Dancer launches the new Oprah’s Book Club on AppleTV+ (<https://t.co/ZHKmfBycjT?amp=1>).

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Powerful stories

The themes in *The Water Dancer* are echoed at Monticello. Stories of enslaved individuals here mirror those of Hiram Walker, Ta-Nehisi Coates's "Water Dancer," who forged powerful family bonds.

See for yourself

Today, visitors to Monticello encounter new stories, new voices, and newly-restored spaces. We believe in sharing an honest, complicated, and inclusive narrative of American history—common ground for all Americans.

VISIT MONTICELLO

_(<https://www.monticello.org/visit/tickets-tours-1/>).

Highlights from Ta-Nehisi Coates's Tour of Monticello



1. Monticello House
2. All-weather Passageway
3. *Life of Sally Hemings and Getting Word Exhibits*
4. Mulberry Row
5. Hemmings Cabin
6. Archaeology Site 6 (not open to the public)

(<https://monticello-www.s3.amazonaws.com/images/CoatesVisitMapL.png>).



Getting Word: African American Families of Monticello → **(<http://www.monticello.org/getting-word>)**

Celebrating the power and importance of oral history for enslaved people and their descendants, the Getting Word African American Oral History Project is a growing archive of oral histories.



The Mysteries at Site 6 →

(<https://www.monticello.org/magazine/02winter/site6.php>)

Archaeological Clues About Slavery at Monticello (from the Winter 2018 issue of Monticello Magazine)

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