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While living in New York City, Stockett wrote her first novel, *The Help*, now a major motion picture from DreamWorks. The *New York Times* best seller portrays the life of three women living in Mississippi during the 1960s. While the storyline is fictional, it depicts her personal account of growing up in Mississippi, where almost every family she knew had a maid in their house—cooking, cleaning and taking care of the children. Stockett created three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women — mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends — view one another.

*The Help* was selected as the 2010 Indies Choice Book of the Year—Adult Debut and the 2010 Southern Independent Booksellers Association’s Book of the Year for Fiction.