Charles Waddell Chesnutt: An African-American Essayist, Author, and Activist

Charles W. Chesnutt was born in Cleveland, Ohio. His grandfather was white, and Chesnutt's family soon moved to Oberlin, Ohio, where Charles's father may have been a teacher. Charles Waddell Chesnutt was an African-American essayist, author, and activist. His second collection of short stories, The Marrow of Tradition, was published in 1899. The book is considered a masterpiece of American literature and is known for its exploration of themes such as racial prejudice, education, and African American life in the South. The book was met with mixed reviews, but it is now widely recognized as a literary classic.
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