

# Octavia E. Butler's *Kindred* Becomes FX Series



Octavia E. Butler's *Kindred* has been adapted into a drama series for FX. The late science fiction writer's novel about time travel and antebellum slavery through the eyes of a young Black woman will be presented in eight episodes. The announcement was made Monday at New York Comic Con on a panel featuring executive-producer Branden Jacobs-Jenkins and cast members Micah Stock, Gayle Rankin, Sheria Irving, David Alexander Kaplan, Austin Smith, Mallori Johnson and Sophina Brown. Johnson plays Dana Brown, a young Black woman in Los Angeles who has relocated with aspirations of becoming a successful writer but must first address secrets from her family's past.

Butler became famous in the '90s with her Parable series and in 1995 she became the first science-fiction writer to win a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. *The Parable Of The Talents* also won the esteemed Nebula Award. Her stories are recognized for bringing a keen analysis of contemporary society through the eyes of people on the margins with a vision for the

future. Butler's work has continued to be celebrated since her 2006 passing with an asteroid, a moon of planet Pluto and scholarships in her name. In 2015, *Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements* an anthology of short stories centered on social justice and inspired by Butler was edited by Walidah Imarisha and Adrienne Maree Brown.

*Kindred* will debut on December 13th via Hulu and soon after be available on Star+ in Latin America and Disney+ under the Star banner in all other territories.