

# Don Cheadle To Bring The Story Of America's First Black Millionaire Jeremiah G. Hamilton To The Screen



Don Cheadle has acquired the film and TV rights to the book *Prince Of Darkness: The Story Of Jeremiah G. Hamilton, America's First Black Millionaire* with plans to turn the book into a film. Jeremiah G. Hamilton lived during the 19th century and became the first Black person to have success on Wall Street.

Hamilton was a ruthless businessman who made his wealth as a broker by ignoring racism and ethics. He was bold and unusual but was never mentioned until Shane White wrote the book about him. It was assumed for years that Madame C.J. Walker was the first Black millionaire but Hamilton made his fortune decades before Walker. He was rare because of his ability to infiltrate Wall Street as a Black person at that time in history and he also had a white spouse. When he died in 1875 he was called the richest Black man in the United States.

Cheadle will star as Hamilton in the role that has no physical requirements other than a Black appearance because there are no known photographs of Hamilton. He will also produce *Prince Of Darkness* and Steven Baigelman, who worked with Cheadle on *Miles Ahead*, is writing the screenplay.

Shane White's book received the 2015 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Best Book Prize and you can get a copy of it from [Amazon](#).

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# Media Questions Of The Week



Will Don Cheadle receive an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Miles Davis in *Miles Ahead*?



Why weren't equipment issues solved so that The Roots and Bilal could perform for the David Bowie tribute at Carnegie Hall?

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BDXVKiWD-MZ/?taken-by=lalahhathaway>

Did Lala Hathaway really disrespect the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity by wearing their hat in honor of her father Donny Hathaway who was a member of the organization?

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## Miles Ahead Trailer Now You

# Don't Have To Stare

[youtube id="tBLCRYCYBuo"] Here is another trailer from the upcoming *Miles Ahead* film starring Don Cheadle as Miles Davis. In this scene, Davis meets future wife Frances Taylor, played by Emayatzy Corinealdi for the first time. Cheadle also directs the feature which will be distributed by Sony and in the theaters April 1st.

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## Don Cheadle In Miles Ahead Trailer

Watch Don Cheadle as Miles Davis in this trailer for *Miles Ahead* exclusively posted by Entertainment Weekly earlier today. The film focuses on Davis's brief retirement period in the late '70's and premiered last year at The New York Film Festival. Cheadle directs and stars in the feature which will be scored by Herbie Hancock, who was a member of Davis's second famous quintet, and Robert Glasper. You can read Cheadle's interview at the [Entertainment Weekly](#) site and *Miles Ahead* will be in theaters April 1st.