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Robert Jones, Jr. to Discuss *The Prophets* In Ocean County Library's Virtual Author Talk Series

TOMS RIVER – Join best-selling author Robert Jones, Jr., for an in-depth look at his award-winning debut novel [*The Prophets*](#) in the Ocean County Library's Virtual Author Talk series, 4 PM Tuesday, August 15.

Set in the plantation-era deep South, *The Prophets* is a story of love, intimacy, and refuge from life in slavery for Samuel and Isaiah. Their relationship thrives until they are betrayed by a self-serving slave currying favor with the plantation owner. Their mutual devotion becomes a source of seething, mounting turmoil, leading to a climactic reckoning.

Jones, whose "Son of Baldwin" social justice blog attracted hundreds of thousands of followers over 14 years, captured the 2022 Publishing Triangle Edmund White Award for *The Prophets*. The novel, available through the [Ocean County Library](#), also was a finalist for the 2021 National Book Award for fiction.

Jones's literary work has been carried in *The New York Times*, *Essence*, *Variety* and *Paris Review*, and is included in two acclaimed anthologies, *The 1619 Project* and *Four Hundred Souls*. Fans can view his newest writings in his newsletter, [Witness](#).

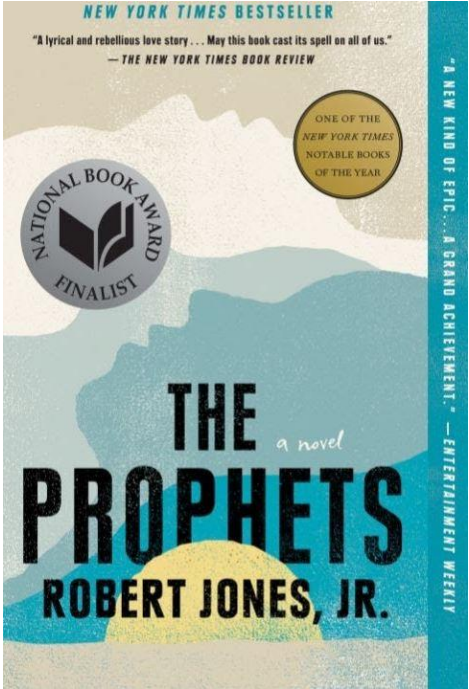
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