

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Marie Brown

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**Brown, Marie Dutton**

**Alternative Names:** Marie Brown; Marie Elizabeth Dutton;

**Life Dates:** October 4, 1940-

**Place of Birth:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

**Residence:** New York, NY

**Occupations:** Literary Agent; Magazine Editor; Book Editor

## Biographical Note

Literary agent and publishing consultant, Marie Dutton Brown was born on October 4, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Josephine and Benson Dutton. Brown attended a Catholic elementary school and a public high school. She graduated from Germantown High School in 1958 and went on to Penn State University where she received her B.S degree in 1962.

Brown became a teacher for the Philadelphia Public School System in 1963. In 1965, as a multicultural coordinator, she helped to introduce multicultural education into the school system, which included African American history.

In 1967, Brown decided to take a different direction in her career. She took a position as a general publishing trainee at Doubleday Book Publishing in New York City, but in 1969, she married and relocated with her husband to California. There, from 1969 until 1972, Brown worked in bookstores and did freelance work. Then, she returned to New York City and to Doubleday Book Publishing as a senior editor.

Brown went on to become the Editor-In-Chief of *Elan* magazine in 1982 and sales manager and assistant buyer for Endicott Booksellers in 1984. At a time when publishers were no longer accepting unsolicited manuscripts, Brown decided to take her expertise and open her own literary agency, Marie Brown and Associates in Harlem, New York, becoming one of the few African American agents in the book world. Her agency provided marketing, promotions and consulting along with publishing. In 1990, Brown began to concentrate on book publishing because she cherished the idea of working creatively and developmentally with the authors. Brown has represented authors Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Randall Robinson, Dr. Johnetta Cole, Susan Taylor and Van Whitfield.

Brown is on the Board of Directors of the Caribbean Cultural Center, To Be Continued Kids Theater and Frank Silvera Black Theater.

Brown was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on January 8, 2007.

## **Related Entries**

**Germantown High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**George P. Phenix School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**St. Vincent de Paul School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Washington Junior High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ford Green Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School**

[STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Pennsylvania State University Abington Campus**

[STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Gen. Louis Wagner Junior High School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Teacher**

**Philadelphia Public Schools** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Intergroup Education and Integration  
Coordinator**

**Doubleday Publishing Company** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Editorial Assistant**

**Endicott Booksellers** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Book Seller/Assistant Manager**

**Marie Brown Associates** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**President**

**Fellowship House** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Volunteer**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**