

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Corynne Corbett

PERSON

Corbett, Corynne L., 1961-

**Alternative Names:** Corynne Corbett;

**Life Dates:** March 26, 1961-

**Place of Birth:** New York, New York, USA

**Residence:** Linden, NJ

**Work:** New York, NY

**Occupations:** Magazine Editor

## Biographical Note

Magazine editor Corynne L. Corbett attended the Pratt Institute and graduated with her B.F.A. degree in fashion merchandising.

Corbett began her magazine publishing career at Elle magazine in 1985, and was promoted from editorial assistant to senior beauty, health and fitness editor. From 1993 to 1997, Corbett was the owner of Corynne Corbett Creative Connections where she worked on projects that ranged from freelance writing to advertising and special events. She was then hired at Mode magazine as executive editor and senior editor before being promoted to editor-in-chief. After a brief stint as editor-in-chief at Heart & Soul magazine from 2001 to 2003, Corbett joined Real Simple magazine. While there, she served as beauty and wellness director before being promoted to executive editor. In 2010, Corbett was named beauty editor at Essence magazine where she served for three years.

Corbett also founded Chic Jones Media, LLC in 2008, which later launched several websites and media outlets, including "That Black Girl Site," "My Black Girl Site," "My Black Girl Blogging," "The Grown Diaries," and "My Black Girl Radio." She has also written for such publications as Self magazine, Town & Country magazine, Ladies Home Journal, and Ebony magazine.

Corbett has appeared as a beauty and style expert on several shows, including Tia & Tamera, Better TV, Good Day New York, the Dr. Steve Show, The View, Good Morning America, Today in New York, Positively Black, and E!, among others. In addition, she has served as a brand strategist and image consultant for companies such

as Clinique, Maybelline New York, IMAN Cosmetics, L'Oreal, Bumble & Bumble, Black Opal, Christian Dior, Phyto, and Coty.

Throughout her career, Corbett has mentored many young women interested in succeeding in the beauty industry through her non-organization, Beauty Biz Camp. Corbett professional memberships include the American Society of Magazine Editors and the National Association of Black Journalists.

Here is a sampling of some of the publications Corbett has overseen:

## Related Entries

[STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**August Martin High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Diploma**

**I.S. 59 Q Springfield Gardens** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**P.S. 15 Jackie Robinson School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Mode/Girl** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 199701 to 200101]

**Beauty & Wellness Editor-in-Chief/Editorial Director**

**Women's Wear Daily** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1983 to 1985]

**Consulting Editor**

**Women's Wear Daily** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1983 to 1995]

**Consulting Editor**

**Hatchette/Elle Magazine** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1985 to 1995]

**Senior Editor**

**Aveda, Mary Hatchette Custom Publishing** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1995 to 1997]

**Project Editor**

**Vanguard Media, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 200102 to 200311]

**Editor-in-Chief**

**Time, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 200402 to 200811]

**Beauty & Wellness Director/Executive Director**

**Times, Inc./Essence Communications** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 201005 to 201302]

**Beauty Director**

**Girls Incorporated of New York City** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2000 to 2004]

**Board Member**

**Tween Style Power** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2012 to ?]

**Advisory Board Member**