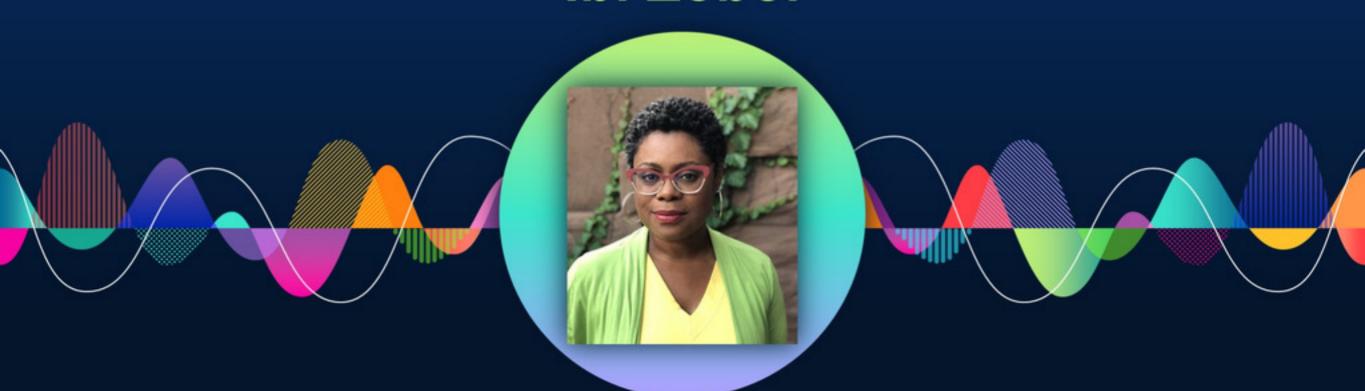
Ibi Zoboi



Author of American Street, Ibi Zoboi, uses her Haitian background as inspiration for her main character, Fabiola.

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Fun Facts



Fill in the Blanks

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More on Zoboi



- Immigrating to New York as a young child, Zoboi was born in Port-au-Prince Haiti.
- While she was much younger than our main character, she had first-hand experience with the immigration process.





Poll

Do you know anything about Voodoo?



American Street contains . . .

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Voodoo

- Vodou is the religion that Fabiola practices.
- It's a religion unique to Haiti that combines practices from Roman Catholicism and traditional African Yoruba practices. Practitioners pray to *Iwas*, or spirits, for guidance and help.
- It's important to note that Haitians that practice this religion do believe in God.

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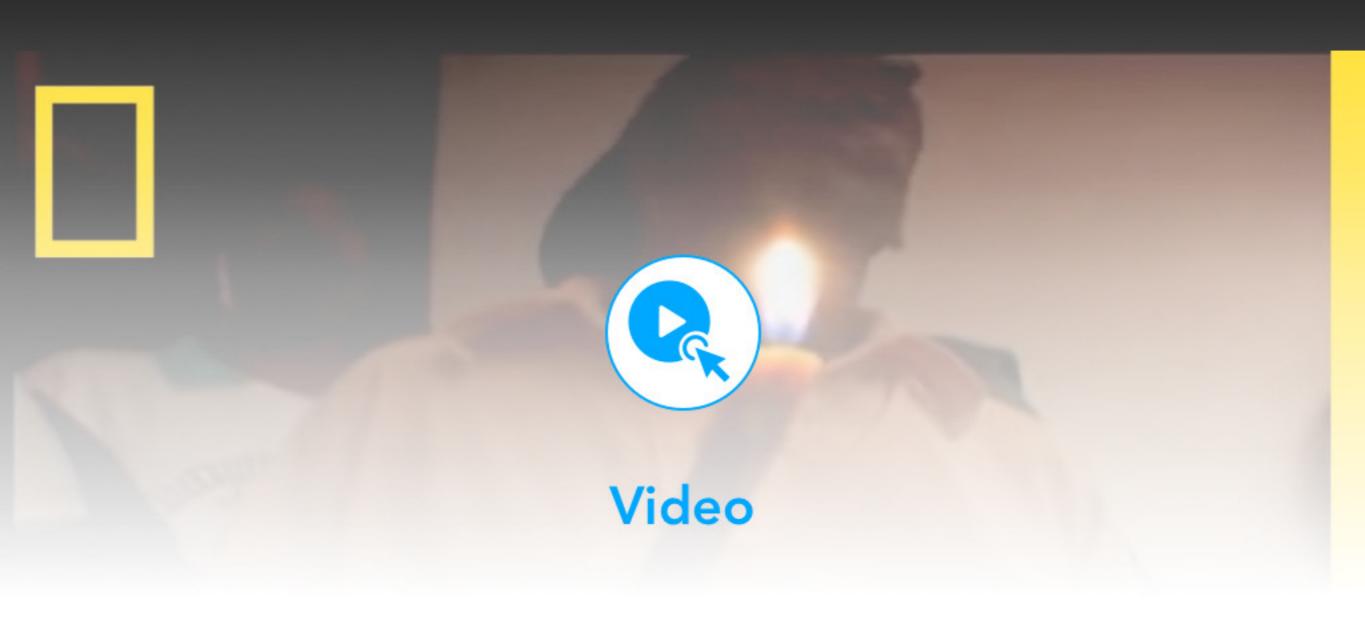
Lwas

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- Lwas that play a significant part in the novel.
- At first, it is not apparent to the characters that the Iwas are spirits.
 - Ex: Papa Legba is a lwa known to be in charge of cross-roads and destiny.



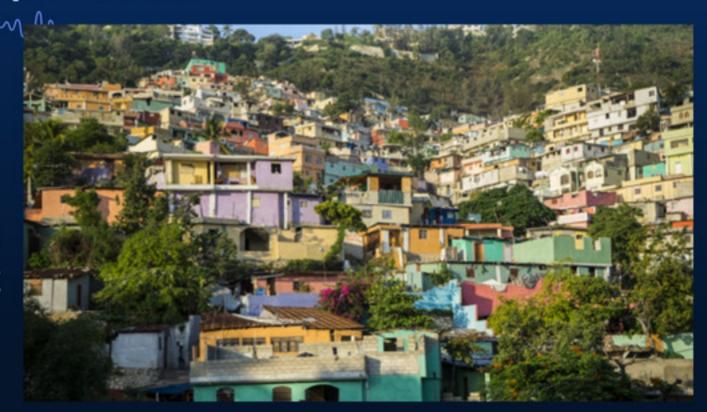




Haitian Voodoo | National Geographic

The People of Haiti

- Half of the population practices Voodoo.
- The people speak with a Creole accent/dialect.
- The population is about 95% Black, as a result of the African slave trade.
- Over half of the country lives in pure poverty.







The author of American Street was born in which city?

- Delmas
- Port-au-Prince
- Detroit
- Les Cayes

The majority of Haiti lives in poverty. Approximately what percent of the population lives in poverty?

- **95%**
- **60%**
- **10%**
- **50%**

Haitians speak with what accent?

- French
- Creole
- Spanish
- African