

# ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



Deborah Myers Mathis (1953 - ) was born in Little Rock, Ark. Mathis attended high school at Central High in Little Rock, where she was the first black editor and first female editor of the school newspaper. She studied journalism at University of Arkansas. Mathis became a reporter for Channel 11 Dateline News in 1973. She was also a reporter for the Arkansas Democrat and the Arkansas Gazette. From 1993 to 2000, she was the White House correspondent for Gannett New Corporation. In 2002, she published her first book, *Yet a Stranger: Why Black Americans Still Don't Feel at Home*. Mathis is a regular commentator on America's Black Forum; she has also appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America, and Frontline. To find out more about Deborah Myers Mathis or to find more examples of black excellence, visit the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.



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