

ANDREW AYDIN

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Andrew Aydin is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *MARCH*, the first comics work to ever win the National Book Award. He is also the recipient of multiple Coretta Scott King honors.

Andrew, an Atlanta native, was raised by a single mother and grew up reading everything, particularly comic books. After college, he took a job with the late Congressman John Lewis in Washington, D.C. A year later, while serving as Press Secretary on the Congressman's re-election campaign, Andrew had the idea that Congressman Lewis should write a comic book to tell the story of his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. Though it took a little convincing, Congressman Lewis eventually agreed on the condition that Andrew write it with him. He became the driving force behind *MARCH*, which reached #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford and Georgetown University in Washington, Andrew is also a Robert F. Kennedy Book Award Honoree, a Printz Award winner, a Sibert Medal winner, a Walter Dean Myers Award winner, and a two-time Eisner award winner. He often speaks at schools and universities and participates in reading programs with incarcerated youth.