

**DAVID DENNIS JR.**

*“David J. Dennis, Jr., proves that he is not only a great writer, but he is also a great witness.” —Robert Jones, Jr.*

**David J. Dennis Jr. is a journalist and author of the critically acclaimed memoir and oral history, *The Movement Made Us*, an exploration of the life of a prominent civil rights leader who organized Freedom Rides, lunch counter sit-ins, and voter registration drives in the Jim Crow South – his father, David Dennis Sr.**

*The Movement Made Us* is a Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance Bestseller, Nautilus Book Award Winner, and one of Kirkus Reviews 100 best nonfiction books of 2022.

David Jr. is the recipient of the 2021 American Mosaic Journalism Prize for his 2020 cover story in *Atlanta* magazine, “Ahmaud Arbery Will Not Be Erased,” which sheds light on the injustice—and historical pattern leading up to—the murder of a young Black man in Georgia; as well as his piece “An Ode To The Black Women At Dillard’s,” published in Roxane Gay’s *Gay Magazine*. The article reflects on the solidarity and community Black women have fostered over department store counters. His work has also been featured in *The Atlantic*, the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*, among other publications.

David majored in English and ethnic studies at Davidson and earned a master’s degree in journalism at Northwestern University. An avid sports fan and sportswriter, he is currently a Senior Writer at Andscape (formerly The Undefeated) and panelist on ESPN’s *Around The Horn*.

In addition to the Mosaic Prize, David is a National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Award winner and was named one of *The Root*’s 100 Most Influential African Americans of 2020. A leading voice in the Black Lives Matter movement, he has been described by *Wired* as “a lifeline to a facet of Black identity.”