

## Allen, Candace

Candace Allen received her BA from Harvard before attending the New York University School of Film & Television. She went on to become the first African-American female member of the Directors Guild of America. She has worked as an assistant director and screenwriter and is now a novelist. Her debut novel, *Valaida* (2004), is based on the true story of Valaida Snow, one of the first female jazz trumpeters. Candace continues to write and is now based primarily in London.

### Recent books:

*Valaida* (Virago: 2005)