

# DOUGLAS POWELL / ROSCOE BURNEMS

POET LAUREATE / WRITER / EVENT HOST / COMEDIAN



@ROSCOE BURNEMS

*“...A cycle of pouring myself  
out in drops of poetry...”*



# ABOUT

Two names. Many talents. One amazing experience! Richmond Virginia native, Douglas Powell, artistically known as, Roscoe Burnems is a spoken-word artist, poetry slam champion, comedian, published author, educator, father, and Richmond, VA's inaugural poet laureate. He has dedicated his craft to entertaining and educating. Roscoe uses his platform to be transparent and transformative. Using vulnerability as a superpower, he weaves through storytelling and metaphor seamlessly guiding audiences through a range of emotions, but always ending with empowerment, love, and resilience.

Douglas's mission as an artist has been to normalize conversations around mental health and its taboo nature in communities of color and men, while also discussing the effects of race, relationships, education, and access in trauma and depression, using his own journey as an example. His work, a mix of humor and thought-provoking poetry, is often described as refreshing and disarming. You can find him covering these topics and more on Amazon Prime and other platforms in his film "Traumedy", the first ever poetry and comedy special.

# TOUR

**DEC 12TH - SHOCKOE SESSIONS LIVE - RICHMOND**  
**DEC 18TH - BUSBOYS SHIRLINGTON - ARLINGTON**  
**DEC 19TH - ALL SNAPS POETRY SHOW - RICHMOND**  
**DEC 29TH - POETIC IMPULSE - DALLAS**  
**JAN 4TH - RESIST BOOKSELLERS PETERSBURG**  
**JAN 8TH - BUSBOYS SHIRLINGTON - ARLINGTON**  
**JAN 9TH - BUSBOYS 14TH AND V - DC**  
**JAN 10TH - BUSBOYS 450K - DC**  
**JAN 11TH - BUSBOYS HYATTSVILLE - MARYLAND**  
**JAN 12TH - 9TH HOUR SLAM - DC**  
**JAN 13TH - MECASA CHARLOTTE**  
**FEB 9TH & FEB 10TH - HAWAII**  
**FEB 27TH - CHARM CITY SLAM**  
**MAR 2ND - BOOK BAR RVA**  
**APR 25TH - UMASS AMHERST**  
**JUN 17TH - RESIST BOOKSELLERS PETERSBURG 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING**

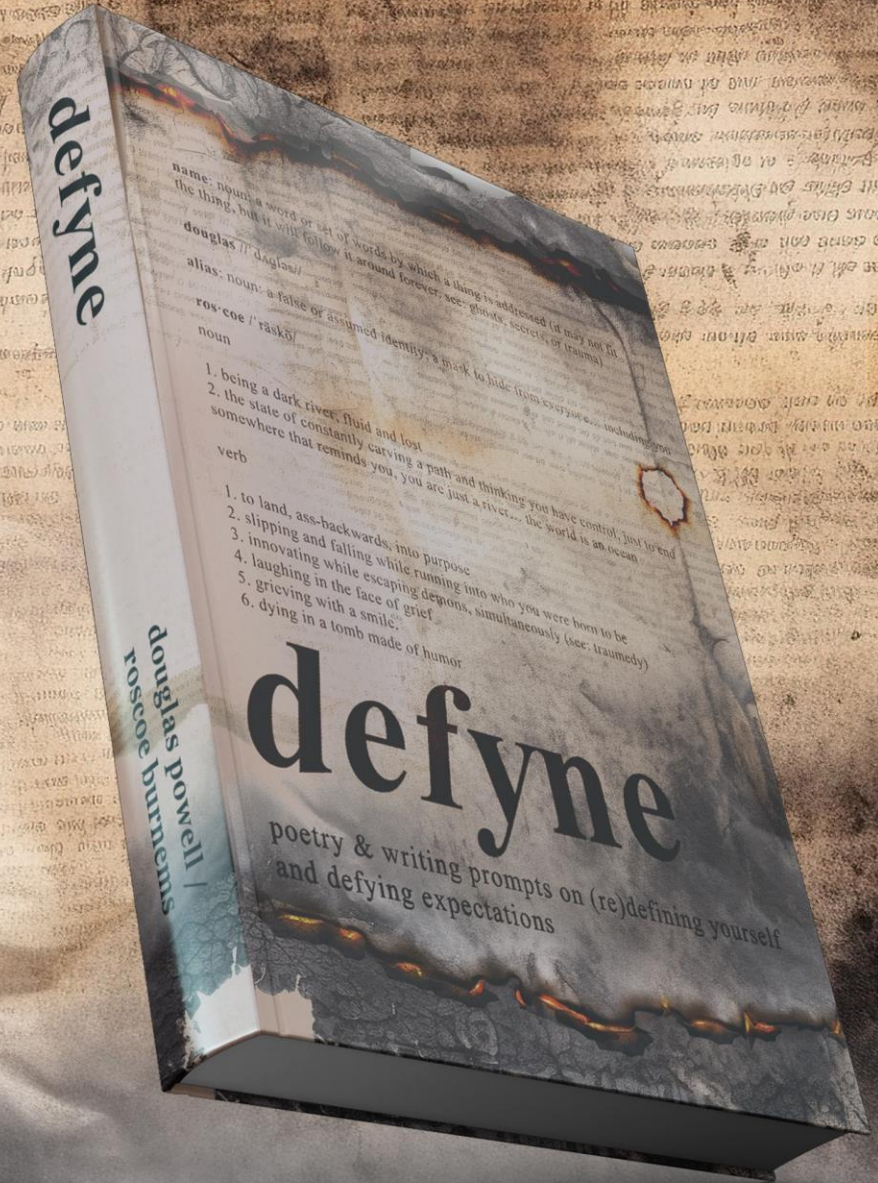
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# SYNOPSIS:

Defyne is an act of defiance and reclamation. this collection of poetry and prompts redefines vulnerability by expounding on the darkest parts of the human experience. he unpacks mental health, race, grief, and more in a way that is gripping, unique, and resilient. this collection will challenge and encourage the reader to begin their own process of (re)defining their self and their experiences and defy any narratives they didn't create.

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# LIVE PERFORMANCES

as seen on



## Traumedy

<https://www.amazon.com/Traumedy-Douglas-Powell/dp/B08PPRSCB9>

## Agnostic

[https://youtu.be/pONg5\\_8TJfU?si=Lut0u6pNXIJgoeBB](https://youtu.be/pONg5_8TJfU?si=Lut0u6pNXIJgoeBB)

## Keloids

[https://youtu.be/WmX9qLcEcWA?si=hdmu4B6jW\\_uWiBTC](https://youtu.be/WmX9qLcEcWA?si=hdmu4B6jW_uWiBTC)

## TEDx

<https://youtu.be/vqHvEFKXUCA?si=55P-3nnPCJGsrqXB>

