

Ken Burns

Historian and Filmmaker

Race In America. As a historian, for more than 30 years, Ken Burns has been dealing with the theme of race in his characteristically American documentaries. Now, in the Obama era, he looks back from the perspective of monumental change in the country to reflect where we've been.

The National Parks: A Treasure House Of Nature's Superlatives. Burns discusses the great gift of our national parks. Here both "the immensity and the intimacy of time" merge, as we appreciate what the parks have added to our collective and individual spirit.

Sharing The American Experience. Ken Burns reminds the audience of the timeless lessons of history, and the enduring greatness and importance of the United States in the course of human events. Incorporating The Civil War, Baseball, and Jazz, Burns engages and celebrates what we share in common as Americans.

No Ordinary Lives. Drawing on some of Lincoln's most stirring words as inspiration, this speech engages the paradox of war by following the powerful themes in two of Ken Burns's best known works: "The Civil War", his epic retelling of the most important event in American history, and "The War", his intensely moving story of World War II told through the experiences of so-called ordinary people from four geographically varied American towns.
