

# ENTREPRENEUR. AUTHOR. INTERNATIONAL LECTURER

CLIFTON LEMOURE TAULBERT



**Voice of America** and C-Span introduced Clifton Taulbert, a Pulitzer nominated author, as a historian and keeper of Southern Culture. Since the publication of Taulbert’s 1<sup>st</sup> of fourteen books, his award-winning cultural biography, *Once Upon A Time when We Were Colored*—which also became a major motion picture—Taulbert has traversed the globe lecturing from Adolph Hitler’s German Hunting Lodge, the Costa Rican hall in Puerto de Lemon financed by Marcus Garvey to giving multiple Entrepreneurship and Innovation lectures in Australia, Canada and Mexico.

**According to Clifton L. Taulbert**, he could have failed had he not encountered community builders and entrepreneurial thinkers early on in his life—people he calls the “Porch People” of the Mississippi Delta. According to Taulbert, their daily living and expectations of him were essential in directing his life. Their life lessons became there gift to him. The lessons learned from those ordinary people prepared Taulbert to accelerate his imagination to what was possible. It took Taulbert 24 years to get his first book published—plenty of time to quit and give up. Instead, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year it became a national best seller, a requested gift for Nelson Mandela upon his release from prison.

**Inspired** by the international reception to his very first publication, Taulbert has since written thirteen additional books, which includes *Eight Habits of the Heart*, the book read by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor garnering Taulbert an invitation to address members of the United States Supreme Court and their invited guests. Taulbert’s fourteenth book, *The Invitation*, the “Old South” meets the 21<sup>st</sup> century as this black writer finds himself as a house guest of a white South Carolina plantation owner. Their paths crossed for five years and the interaction between the great-great-grandson of slaves and the family who historically were slave-owners is indeed an Invitation for all—voted one of the top five “Indie” memoirs of 2015.

**Taulbert** is the President and CEO of the FREEMOUNT CORPORATION-a human capital development company and the President and CEO of ROOTS JAVA COFFEE-an African-American owned national coffee brand, importing coffee from the country of Rwanda. He also serves on the boards of the University of Tulsa, the Tulsa Historical Society, The Tulsa Area Salvation Army, the Indian Nation Council of Boy Scouts, the Character Education Partnership and the national Eudora Welty Advisory Board.

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