Sapphire Kills Off HIV-Positive Precious in New Novel

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The Kid, a sequel to the bestselling book *Push*, has been published, *USA Today* reports. The 2009 Academy Award–winning movie *Precious* was adapted from *Push*, the 1997 debut novel by Sapphire. *The Kid* follows the life of Abdul, the son of Claireece Precious Jones, the HIV-positive main character in Push. The sequel begins at Precious's funeral. Sapphire killed off Precious as a reflection of the realities of the 1980s. "Poor African-American women were 10 times more likely to die from AIDS than were upper-class white gay men," Sapphire said. "People like Precious didn't get the help they needed."

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