

The House That Jack Built: My Life As a Trailblazer in Broadcasting and Entertainment

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The House That Jack Built is the life story of Hal Jackson, one of the most important figures in American radio and television. When starting out as a young professional, during the Jim Crow era in Washington, D.C., Jackson was told by the management of WINX that no Black man would ever broadcast at their station. He ultimately proved them wrong and was given a time slot of the station -- thus beginning a long and illustrious career, filled with an extraordinary series of firsts: The first Black radio announcer on network radio. The first Black inducted in the Radio Hall of Fame. The first Black host of a jazz show on the ABC network. The first Black to do play-by-play sports announcing on radio. The first Black to host an interracial network show on NBC-TV. The first person to broadcast from a theater live. He organized and was one of the owners of the first Black team to win the World's Basketball Championship. The first Black host of an international network television presentation. He was instrumental in acquiring the first radio station owned and operated by Blacks in New York City. At a time when Black women were prohibited from entering beauty pageants, he founded Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International contest. Here is a remarkable story about a remarkable person. The House That Jack Built is an important addition to the history of media in the United States.