

# Self Made

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Netflix's latest fictionalised limited series is *Self Made: Inspired By the Life of Madam C.J. Walker*. As the title suggests, the four-part series is based on the true story of one of the first ever self-made African-American business titans, a woman who was born the child of slaves and is remembered more than 100 years after her death as a symbol of black wealth and entrepreneurial success. In the series, Madame C.J. Walker is played by Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer—but here's what you should know about the real-life businesswoman behind the show.

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