

# Trailblazer fashion journalist André Leon Talley dies

Fashion journalist André Leon Talley has died at the age of 73. *Business of fashion.com* says Talley died of a heart attack but this has not been confirmed.



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According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, while Talley's literary agency, David Vigliano, confirmed Talley's passing yesterday, on Tuesday, however "other details, including the cause of death, were not released". Talley was a hugely influential figure who was a trailblazer in the fashion industry, overcoming, by his own account, ageism, racism and weight discrimination. In the 1980s and 90s he served in number of key roles at *Vogue*, including editor-at-large for the brand. "Talley worked at *WWD*, *Interview*, *Vanity Fair*, *House & Garden* and *Vogue*, in between dancing at Studio 54, interviewing Rihanna on the Met Gala red carpet, and Michelle Obama for the pages of *Vogue*. With his baritone voice, vibrant caftans and unmistakable presence, Talley was a forthright personality in an industry filled with notable forces," says *WWD.com*. *The Hollywood Reporter* describes him as "towering figure in fashion, both literally given he was 6-foot-6 and figuratively due to a career that spanned six decades." Talley wrote about fashion at a number of publications including *Women's Wear Daily*, *W* and even a brief stint at the *New York Times*. But it is *American Vogue* that he is indelibly associated with, serving variously as the magazine's news director, creative director and as well as editor-at-large working closely with EIC Anna Wintour," says the publication.

“Pioneering fashion journalist André Leon Talley died on January 18. He was 73. His death was announced in a January 19 post on his official Instagram page. Rest in peace, André. READ: <https://t.co/L8KawQwZX8> [pic.twitter.com/1hYIQAVeAF](https://t.co/L8KawQwZX8)— Rappler (@rapplerdotcom) [January 19, 2022](https://t.co/L8KawQwZX8)”

“Rest in peace: André Leon Talley, an influential fashion journalist who became creative director of one of the world's most prestigious fashion magazines, has died, according to multiple reports. He was 73. <https://t.co/nYoUL0YBcc>— WFAA (@wfaa) [January 19, 2022](https://t.co/nYoUL0YBcc)”