

Parable of the Ashes is a feature documentary exploring the prophetic work of Octavia Butler and the real communities now living through the kinds of crises she imagined decades ago.

Born and raised in Pasadena, Butler wrote stories about a future shaped by climate disasters, displacement, and fragile communities struggling to rebuild. Today, in the wake of the Eaton Fire, those themes are strikingly real.

Just miles from where Butler walked and wrote, the fire swept through Altadena—one of Southern California's most historically rich and culturally significant Black communities.