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How did Eunice, a poor black girl from North Carolina, become the great Nina Simone, the multitalented diva with the incredible voice?

Nina Simone's life is like a novel, and this is the very novel that Gilles Leroy has written, a puzzle painstakingly assembled piece by piece, recounting with great tenderness the singer's story, at once completely true and utterly fictionalized, a life of swift successes and fatal disappointments. Gilles Leroy is the author of several novels, among them *Alabama Song* (Prix Goncourt 2007, translated into 29 languages) and *Le diable emporte le fils rebelle* [The Devil Takes the Rebel Son].

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