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Stanley Crouch, jazz critic and former Daily News columnist, dead at 74

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Stanley Crouch, a former Daily News columnist and a renowned jazz critic, whose searing — and controversial — commentary on race kept readers enthralled for years, has died. He was 74.

His death was announced by his wife Gloria Nixon-Crouch. Crouch died at New York's Calvary Hospital Wednesday, following nearly a decade of serious health issues.

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Crouch, through his work in The News and other publications, and his appearances on television and radio, became one of the most controversial commentators around, whose opinions generated a range of opinions about him.

Crouch, a Black man who preferred the terms Negro, was a harsh critic of several revered Black artists including director Spike Lee and writer Toni Morrison. When Morrison received the 1993 Nobel Prize in literature, Crouch was not among those celebrating.

“She has a certain skill, but she has no serious artistic vision or real artistic integrity,” he told The Washington Post. ‘Beloved’ was a fraud. It gave a fake vision of the slave trade, it didn’t deal with the complicity of Africans, and it moved the males into the wings.”



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