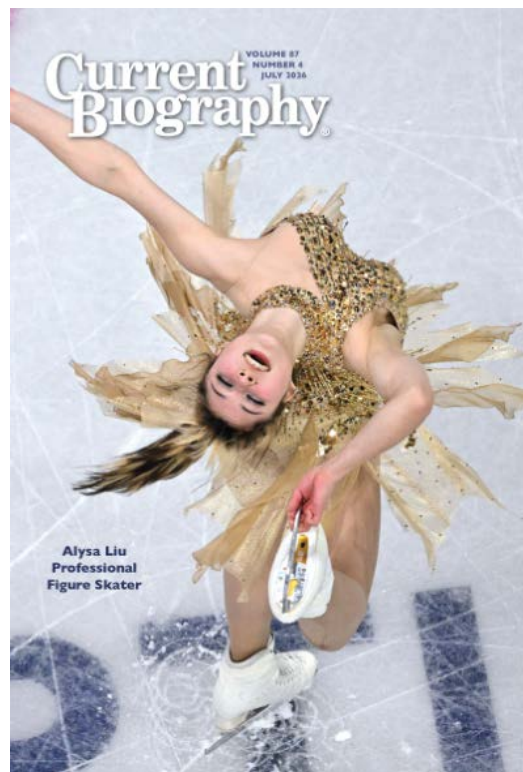
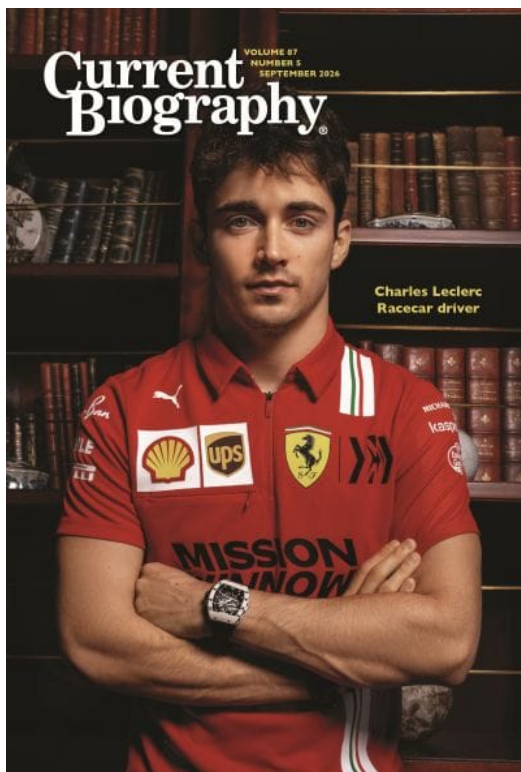




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Early Life and Education

Aubrey Drake Graham was born on October 24, 1986, in Toronto, Canada. His father, Dennis Graham, hails from Memphis, Tennessee, and relocated to West End Toronto to be with Drake's mother, Sandra "Sandi" Graham. Drake's parents inspired much of his musicality. He grew up to love R&B and soul music from his father, who was a drummer for Jerry Lee Lewis. His father's line of work exposed young Drake to it daily. While his father influenced Drake's music style, the five-time Grammy winner says it was his mother who helped



Drake performing on stage in 2010. Photo by musicentropy, via Wikimedia.

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Victor Glover Jr.

Born: April 30, 1976
Occupation: Astronaut

Victor Glover Jr. has made space his place. Initially inspired by a space shuttle launch as a child, he served as a naval pilot for over a decade before becoming an astronaut for NASA. Glover's first space mission was in 2020 aboard SpaceX Crew-1. He spent 168 days on the International Space Station, becoming the first Black American astronaut to live there. Glover's second space mission occurred in 2026 as the pilot for the Artemis II. Their mission lasted ten days, and Glover became one of the few people ever to travel farthest from Earth, alongside the rest of the Artemis II crew. Moreover, he is the first Black astronaut to travel past the Moon into deep space—an estimated 252,756 miles from Earth—and the first Black astronaut to work on a lunar mission. Being an astronaut has made Glover more appreciative of Earth, as he stated from space in an interview with Mark Strassmann for CBS News 5 Apr. 2026) during an Easter message: "Maybe the distance we are from you makes you think what we're doing is special, but we're the same distance from you. And I'm trying to tell you, just trust me, you are special, in all of this emptiness—this is a whole bunch of



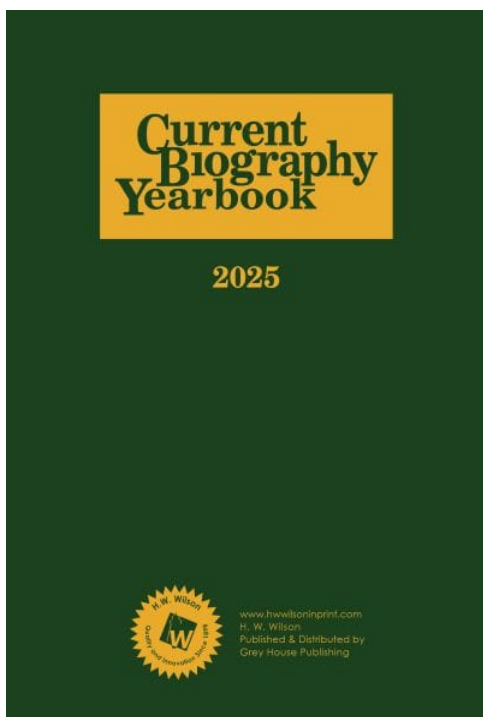
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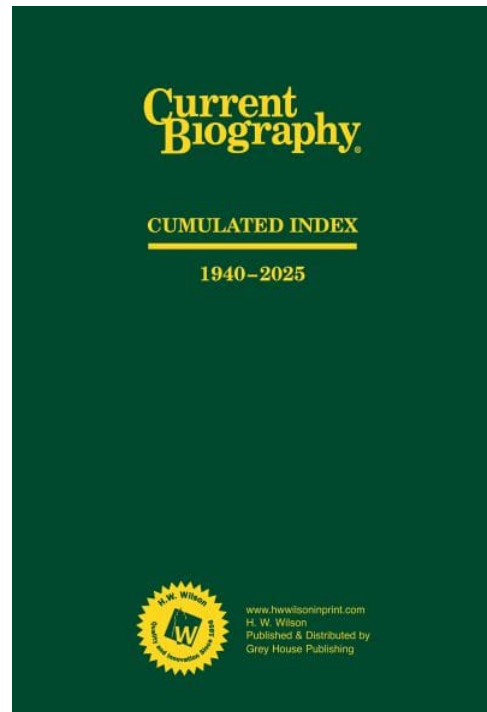
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