**Sarah Burns** is the author of *The Central Park Five: A Chronicle of a City Wilding*(Knopf, 2011) and, along with David McMahon and Ken Burns, the producer, writer and director of the documentary *The Central Park Five*, about the five Black and Latino teenagers who were wrongly convicted in the infamous Central Park Jogger rape of 1989. The film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 2012, was named the Best Non-Fiction film of 2012 by the New York Film Critics Circle and won a 2013 Peabody Award.  
  
She produced and directed, along with David McMahon and Ken Burns, the two-part, four hour *Jackie Robinson*, a biography of the celebrated baseball player and civil rights icon, which she wrote with McMahon. The film aired on PBS in April 2016 and she and McMahon were nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Nonfiction Program and won a WGA award for Documentary Script.   
  
In 2020, Burns and McMahon produced and directed a documentary about a housing project in Atlanta called *East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story*. Together with McMahon and Ken Burns, Sarah produced and directed a four-part biography of Muhammad Ali, which premiered on PBS in September 2021 and was named the best television show of 2021 by Awards Daily writer David Phillips. She and McMahon were nominated for a WGA award for Documentary Script.

Her next project is a two-part documentary biography of Leonardo da Vinci, which will air on PBS in November 2024.

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