

**U**•X•L *Newsmakers* is the place to turn for information on personalities active on the current scene. Containing fifty biographies, *U•X•L Newsmakers* covers contemporary figures who are making headlines in a variety of fields, including entertainment, government, literature, music, pop culture, science, and sports. Subjects include international figures, as well as people of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

## Format

Biographies are arranged alphabetically across two volumes. Each entry opens with the individual's birth date, place of birth, and field of endeavor. Entries provide readers with information on the early life, influences, and career of the individual or group being profiled. Most entries feature one or more photographs of the subject, and all entries provide a list of sources for further reading about the individual or group. Readers may also locate entries by using the Field of Endeavor table of contents listed in the front of each volume, which lists biographies by vocation.

## Features

- A Field of Endeavor table of contents, found at the front of each volume, allows readers to access the biographees by the category for which they are best known. Categories include: Art/Design, Business, Entertainment, Government, Music, Science, Social Issues, Sports, and Writing. When applicable, subjects are listed under more than one category for even greater access.
- Sidebars include information relating to the biographee's career and activities (for example, writings, awards, life milestones), brief biographies of related individuals, and explanations of movements, groups, and more, connected with the person.

- Quotes from and about the biographee offer insight into their lives and personal philosophies.
- More than 100 black-and-white photographs are featured across the volumes.
- Sources for more information, including books, magazine articles, and Web sites, are provided at the end of each entry.
- A comprehensive and cumulative subject index quickly points readers to the people and subjects discussed in all six volumes of *U•X•L Newsmakers*.

## Comments and Suggestions

The individuals chosen for these volumes were drawn from all walks of life and from across a variety of professions. Many names came directly from the headlines of the day, while others were selected with the interests of students in mind. By no means is the list exhaustive. Suggestions for subjects to be profiled in future volumes of *U•X•L Newsmakers* as well as comments on this work itself should be sent to: Editor, *U•X•L Newsmakers*, U•X•L, 27500 Drake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331-3535; call toll-free: 1-800-877-4253; or send an e-mail via [www.gale.com](http://www.gale.com).