

A close-up portrait of Aaron McGruder, a man with a goatee and short dark hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark, ribbed sweater. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

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**Aaron
McGruder**

*Syndicated Cartoonist, The
Boondocks*

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Race, Society and Comic Strips

Aaron McGruder is the author and illustrator of the comic strip *The Boondocks*. Through his work, Mr. McGruder seeks to provoke thought, help improve the state of racial discourse and expand the types of humor found on the newspaper comics page.

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