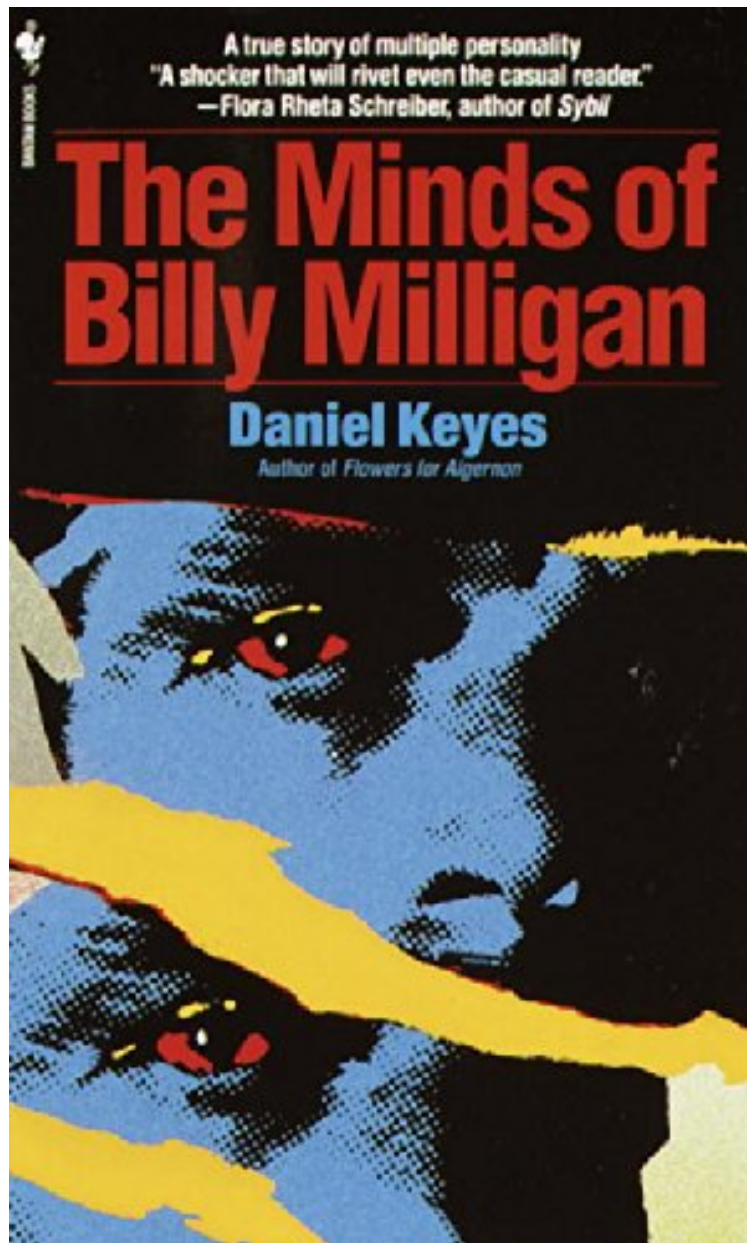


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About the Author Daniel Keyes was born in New York City and graduated from Brooklyn College. His award-winning novel *Flowers for Algernon* is studied in high schools and colleges across the country. Keyes died in 2014.