

A portrait of Françoise Sagan, a French author, with short blonde hair, wearing a dark blue top and a patterned jacket. The text "Today in History" is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

## Today in History

*September 24, 2004*

▲ French author Françoise Sagan died aged 69. *Bonjour Tristesse*, her first and best-known work, an anthem to disillusioned youth, was published when she was just 18

**1960:** The first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was launched in Virginia

**2006:** NASA recorded the largest ozone hole in the atmosphere to that date, some 10.6 million square miles

**2007:** Ongoing demonstrations against Burma's military junta culminated in a march in Yangon by 100,000 protesters

**2009:** The discovery in a field in Staffordshire, England, of the largest haul of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver items ever found, was announced