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BOOK RESUME: AMERICANAH

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A modern classic about star-crossed lovers that explores questions of race and being Black in America—and the search for what it means to call a place home.

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be Black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“[A] knockout of a novel about immigration, American dreams, the power of first love, and the shifting meanings of skin color. . . . A marvel.” —NPR

“A cerebral and utterly transfixing epic. . . . *Americanah* is superlative at making clear just how isolating it can be to live far away from home. . . . Unforgettable.” —*The Boston Globe*

“Witheringly trenchant and hugely empathetic . . . a novel that holds the discomfiting realities of our times fearlessly before us. . . . A steady-handed dissection of the universal human experience.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“Adichie is uniquely positioned to compare racial hierarchies in the United States to social striving in her native Nigeria. She does so in this new work with a ruthless honesty about the ugly and beautiful sides of both nations.” —*The Washington Post*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Americanah: A Novel*, ALoudIa \(2024\)](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [On the Podcast: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Isn't Worried About Her Books Being Banned, *Vogue* \(2025\)](#)

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