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# BOOK RESUME: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Baldwin's classic novel opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin tells the story of the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Originally published in 1953, Baldwin said of his first novel, "*Mountain* is the book I had to write if I was ever going to write anything else."

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"With vivid imagery, with lavish attention to details, Mr. Baldwin has told his feverish story." —*The New York Times*

"Brutal, objective and compassionate." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"A sense of reality and vitality that is truly extraordinary. . . . He knows Harlem, his people, and the language they use." —*Chicago Sun-Times*

"This is a distinctive book, both realistic and brutal, but a novel of extraordinary sensitivity and poetry." —*Chicago Sunday Tribune*

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- ["James Baldwin's 'Go Tell it on the Mountain' is as relevant as ever," NPR \(2024\)](#)

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