



Book Resume: Kindred

Kindred by Octavia Butler

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Age Range: 14 and up

Grade Range: 9 and up

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Dana, a 1970s black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Butler's literary craftsmanship is superb." — *Washington Post Book World*

"One of the most original, thought-provoking works examining race and identity." —Lynell George, *Los Angeles Times*

"A startling and engrossing commentary on the complex actuality and continuing heritage of American slavery." — Sherley Anne Williams, *Ms.*

"A celebrated mainstay of college courses in women's studies and black literature and culture; some colleges require it as mandatory freshman reading." —Linell Smith, *The Baltimore Sun*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- **New York Times** bestseller

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Teacher's Guide](#)

Response to Challenges

- [Highlighting Banned Books by Black Authors for Black History Month](#) (ACLU Ohio)
- [Nearly 700 books, including celebrity bestsellers, banned in Orange County, FL](#) (PEN America)
- [The Best Banned Books According to a Queer Educator in Florida](#) (Autostraddle)

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