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## BOOK RESUME: BELOVED

### BOOK SYNOPSIS

This is an unflinchingly look into the abyss of slavery, from the acclaimed Nobel Prize winner.

Sethe was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. Sethe has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. And Sethe's new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A masterwork. . . . Wonderful. . . . I can't imagine American literature without it." —John Leonard, *Los Angeles Times*

"A triumph." —Margaret Atwood, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Toni Morrison's finest work. . . . [It] sets her apart [and] displays her prodigious talent." —*Chicago Sun-Times*

"Toni Morrison is not just an important contemporary novelist but a major figure in our national literature." —*New York Review of Books*

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize
- Winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize
- Winner of the 1988 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award
- Winner of the 1988 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award

### MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Toni Morrison on writing 'Beloved' \(1987 interview\)](#)
- [WATCH: Toni Morrison on capturing a mother's 'compulsion' to nurture in 'Beloved'](#)

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