**BOOK RESUME: THE BLUEST EYE**

**BOOK SYNOPSIS**

In Morrison’s acclaimed first novel, Pecola Breedlove—an eleven-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others—prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.

**REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

“So precise, so faithful to speech and so charged with pain and wonder that the novel becomes poetry.” — *The New York Times*

“A profoundly successful work of fiction. . . . Taut and understated, harsh in its detachment, sympathetic in its truth . . . it is an experience.” — *The Detroit Free Press*

**AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

- Winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature

**MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

- [WHY I WROTE THE BLUEST EYE – An Interview With Toni Morrison](#)
- [Toni Morrison Talks About Her Motivation For Writing](#)
- [Toni Morrison discusses censorship: NPR’s Book of the Day](#)

**RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

- [Students sued when a school district restricted several books. The school board reinstated one novel](#) (2022)
- [Toni Morrison book ban reversed by SoCal school district](#) (2020)

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