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BOOK RESUME: SONG OF SOLOMON

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Milkman Dead was born shortly after a neighborhood eccentric hurled himself off a rooftop in a vain attempt at flight. For the rest of his life he, too, will be trying to fly. As Morrison follows Milkman from his rustbelt city to the place of his family's origins, she introduces an entire cast of strivers and seeresses, liars and assassins, the inhabitants of a fully realized Black world.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A rich, full novel. . . . It lifts us up [and] impresses itself upon us like a love affair." —The New York Times Book Review

"A rhapsodic work. . . . Intricate and inventive." —The New Yorker

"Stunningly beautiful. . . . Full of magnificent people. . . . They are still haunting my house. I suspect they will be with me forever." —Anne Tyler, *The Washington Post*

"If Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* went underground, Toni Morrison's Milkman flies." —John Leonard, *The New York Times Book Review*

"It places Toni Morrison in the front rank of contemporary American writers. She has written a novel that will endure." —The Washington Post

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize
- Winner of the 1997 National Book Critics Circle Awards

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