



[Angel of Greenwood](#) by Randi Pink

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*Age Range: 12-17 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9 and up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Angel of Greenwood by Randi Pink is a piercing, unforgettable love story set in Greenwood, Oklahoma, also known as the "Black Wall Street," and against the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.

Isaiah Wilson is, on the surface, a town troublemaker, but is hiding that he is an avid reader and secret poet, never leaving home without his journal. Angel Hill is a loner, mostly disregarded by her peers as a goody-goody. Her father is dying, and her family's financial situation is in turmoil.

Though they've attended the same schools, Isaiah never noticed Angel as anything but a dorky, Bible toting church girl. Then their English teacher offers them a job on her mobile library, a three-wheel, two-seater bike. Angel can't turn down the money and Isaiah is soon eager to be in such close quarters with Angel every afternoon.

But life changes on May 31, 1921 when a vicious white mob storms the Black community of Greenwood, leaving the town destroyed and thousands of residents displaced. Only then, Isaiah, Angel, and their peers realize who their real enemies are.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

A Junior Library Guild Selection

"The romantic love in [*Angel of Greenwood*] is big and beautiful and pure. And beyond the love between two teenagers, there's a deep love of community and home. Greenwood feels so wholesome, so idyllic, and when the hate breaks through, it will break your heart....I hope teachers assign this in schools and librarians turn it face-out on the shelves. American kids need to know this history to be good citizens." —[National Public Radio \(NPR\)](#)

"Rich in its discussion of Black literature, this novel brilliantly juxtaposes a lighthearted story of young Black love with a deft reminder that such beauty has often been violently seized from Black people, and that these instances deserve remembrance." —[Publishers Weekly](#), starred review

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"The tragedy of Greenwood is made especially palpable here not only in the depiction of the violence but also in the portrayal of the thriving, successful, neighborly place that it is before the massacre. [Isaiah and Angel's] romance gives a touch of softness to what ultimately feels like a timely cautionary tale for the nation's current racial reckoning." —Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Angel of Greenwood Discussion Guide](#)
- [Kansas Public Radio](#): Interview with Randi Pink
- [Publishers Weekly](#): Children's Books Commemorate 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre
- [The Nerd Daily](#): Interview with Randi Pink
- [Culturess](#): Interview with Randi Pink

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

Offer the author an opportunity to provide a statement about the potential impact of banning their book or a link to an existing author statement.

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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