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The story of an old woman's need for forgiveness, a young man's drive to succeed, and the history that links them both will keep readers enthralled from beginning to end. A Pandora's box opens when reporter Andy Carmichael, too light-skinned for acceptance by blacks and too dark-skinned for acceptance by whites, is sent to Georgia to interview Miss Penbrook, an icon of Southern literature. From her deathbed, the mysterious Miss Penbrook gives Andy journals that reveal a surprising twist--"her story and his own meld into one.

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From Reader Review The Color of the Soul for online ebook

Natalie Robey says

Excellent! Our soul to God is not black or white. Our soul either belongs to him or it doesn't. He does not look at the color of our skin.

The characters in this story captured my heart. I felt their struggles. Blacks living in a world that did not value them. Some did not even value themselves or where they had come from.

MrzTerrell says

i really enjoyed this book!!!! im almst finished w/ book 2....if anyone cld recommnd othrs books like this (african american, slavery diary fiction) i wld greatly appreciate it :)

Alice Wallace says

Although it was a bit difficult to keep up with the characters and their relationships to each other (mostly because of the wide time-span between storylines), I found the story compelling and ultimately somewhat surprising in the end. I liked how the author set up the story and the manner with which the secrets unfold. As a Christian, I appreciated the inclusion of several characters who were strong in their faith. This point was made in a very legitimate fashion and didn't feel contrived.

The overall message of the book was about the role of a person's color in society, starting in the Civil War era up to the late 1940s. It caused the reader to consider the role of color even now. And ultimately the question of the title must be answered: What color is your soul? And does it matter?

Margaret says

Amazing story

Anyone of African American heritage knows the struggle of light skin vs. dark skin; the feeling of hatred because of your skin tone; the feeling of fear of being in the wrong place. The stories as told by Andy and the diaries weave a tale of love, hatred, jealousy and sacrifice. Each of the characters touches a part of the heart and in the end, the story brings them all together. This was an excellent read!

Tony says

One of the best books I've ever read!!!

Dianne Sidebottom says

I'm sure this book covered historical facts of what it was like to be in the US whether the skin was black, white, coloured in between. To me it was emotional story reflecting back over ones life and asking someone to write the memoirs. Finally finding his connection. Certainly a different story today with different races marrying and having children born of a new shade of skin colour but I guess from this story the child today has to choose which colour he/ she is inside.

Boundless Book Reviews says

I've had this book tucked away on my kindle for a while now. I got it as one of those freebies from an email. I decided to read it now because I just wanted a touch of history. I love historical fiction and books based in the time of and around the Civil War. If you love historical fiction then you will love this book.

This book follows a black man, a black slave woman, and the whites that ruled the world that they live in. It paints a very vivid picture of the subject of slavery. The good and the bad of this era can be seen in this book. A woman tries to find herself and protect her son and the man tries to reconcile with and find out about his past.

Honestly, this has been the best historical book I have read in a long time. I'm so glad I decided to read this. I will be reading the next book in The Penbrook Diaries.....Stormi

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Susie Seeber says

Excellent multigenerational novel

Great story with lessons to be learned. Worked hard to keep all the family relationships in sequence but it was well written

Barbara says

This story about several generations of the Penbrook family was well-written and held my interest throughout. It goes back and forth between two different eras, and realistically depicts the views on race that people in the north and those in the south held at different times, and also the tough choices that were sometimes made, rightly or wrongly. Though difficult to read in spots, readers can't help but examine their own racial viewpoints during the course of this book.

Debbie Lindquist says

Heartwarming

I have read several novels about the Civil War and Slavery. This perhaps the best. I was completely enthralled with the story and where the twists & turns took me. It was a wonderful journey . I highly recommend and look forward to Book 2.

Reader says

I really hate racial slurs and there are some in this book. I understand why the author put them in there. This is historical fiction that deals with racial issues. I know the author put those in there to make it realistic. Still don't really like that part. But other than that this is a good Christian historical fiction book and it held my attention all the way through.

Deb Todd says

Great read!

A multi-generational saga of a black and white family set in the post civil war South. A story of inter-racial love forbidden by hatred, fear and violence.

I look forward to book 2 in this series.

Cynthia says

This was an intricate story about a young man's accidental discovery of his heritage while recording the memoirs of an elderly southern woman. The story moves between the young black man's misadventures in the segregated south in the late forties and the story of a light skinned black women during the civil war and post slavery days. There are love stories that touch your heart and injustices inflicted on poor blacks and sympathetic whites that make you want to throw the book. Throughout you learn of the woman's struggle to secure a better place in the world for her son, the child of her master who is taken from her to be raised by her white mistress. Its a good story of people, good and bad during a troubling time in our history. The complex relationships will demand you to pay attention throughout. I reread several sections just to keep up with the plot twist. Enjoy

Louise Child says

This was ok

The book was an easy read .It wasn't particularly original , trying to be a warped family saga .The ends were all tied up neatly,marriage saved ,the right people dying ,finding god etc .I won't read the next in the series.

TAMAYA says

Great read

I really enjoyed this book. It had many twist, turns & lessons to take with you throughout life. I'm proud to be who I am unapologetically.
