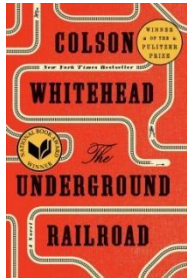




Community Raving About Books (C.R.A.B.) Book Club Guide



***The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead**

Doubleday, 2016; 336 pages/audio 11 hours

“Hard-driving, laser-sharp, artistically superlative, and deeply compassionate, Whitehead’s unforgettable odyssey adds a clarion new facet to the literature of racial tyranny and liberation.”

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Summary

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk and escape. Though they manage to find a station and head north, they are being hunted. Their first stop is South Carolina, in a city that initially seems like a haven. But the city's placid surface masks an insidious scheme designed for its black denizens. And even worse: Ridgeway, the relentless slave catcher, is close on their heels.

Author Information

Colson Whitehead is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Underground Railroad* (winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and the National Book Award), as well as *The Noble Hustle*, *Zone One*, *Sag Harbor*, *The Intuitionist*, *John Henry Days*, *Apex Hides the Hurt*, and *The Colossus of New York*. His 2019 novel *The Nickel Boys* also won a Pulitzer. Whitehead is a recipient of the MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships.

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