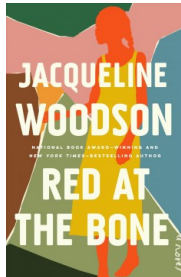


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***Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson**

Riverhead Books, 2019; 224 pages/audio 4 hours

“Woodson's nuanced voice evokes the complexities of race, class, religion, and sexuality in fluid prose and a series of telling details. This is a wise, powerful, and compassionate novel.”

—Publishers Weekly, 7/15/2019

Summary

Two families from different social classes are joined together by an unexpected pregnancy and the child that it produces. As the book opens in 2001, it is the evening of sixteen-year-old Melody's coming of age ceremony in her grandparents' Brooklyn brownstone. Watched lovingly by her relatives and friends, making her entrance to the music of Prince, she wears a special custom-made dress. But the event is not without poignancy. Sixteen years earlier, that very dress was measured and sewn for a different wearer: Melody's mother, for her own ceremony-- a celebration that ultimately never took place.

Author Information

Jacqueline Woodson is the bestselling author of more than two dozen award-winning books, including the 2016 New York Times-bestselling National Book Award finalist for adult fiction, *Another Brooklyn*. Among her many accolades, Woodson is a four-time National Book Award finalist, a four-time Newbery Honor winner, a two-time NAACP Image Award Winner, and a two-time Coretta Scott King Award winner. Her New York Times-bestselling memoir, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, received the National Book Award in 2014. She lives with her family in New York.

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