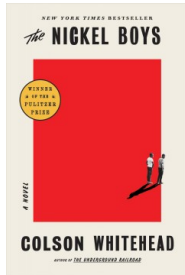


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***The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead**

Doubleday, 2019; 224 pages/audio 7 hours

“Inspired by an actual school, Whitehead's potently concentrated drama pinpoints the brutality and insidiousness of Jim Crow racism with compassion and protest.”

—Booklist, 3/1/2019

Summary

As the Civil Rights movement begins to reach the Black enclave of Frenchtown in segregated Tallahassee, Elwood Curtis takes the words of Dr. Martin Luther King to heart: he is "as good as anyone." Abandoned by his parents, but kept on the straight and narrow by his grandmother, Elwood is about to enroll in the local Black college. But for a Black boy in the Jim Crow South of the early 1960s, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy the future.

Author Information

Colson Whitehead is the number one New York Times bestselling author of nine books of fiction and non-fiction, including *The Underground Railroad*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award and was named one of the Ten Best Books of the Year by The New York Times Book Review. He is also a recipient of the MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships. In 2020, he won his second Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Nickel Boys*. He lives in New York City.

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