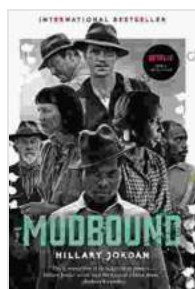


# Mudbound Hillary Jordan

## By Hillary Jordan

Mudbound is a powerful and moving novel that tells the story of two families, one white and one black, who live on adjacent farms in Mississippi during the Jim Crow era. The novel follows the families over the course of several decades, as they struggle to make a living, raise their children, and come to terms with the racism that is so deeply ingrained in their society.

The novel is narrated by two characters, Jamie McAllan and Ronsel Jackson. Jamie is the son of a wealthy white farmer, while Ronsel is the son of a sharecropper. Despite their different backgrounds, the two boys become friends, and their friendship helps them to survive the hardships of their lives.



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★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 6688 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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As they grow older, Jamie and Ronsel become increasingly aware of the racism that surrounds them. Jamie witnesses the violence and

discrimination that is inflicted on black people, and Ronsel experiences it firsthand. The two men struggle to come to terms with the injustice of their society, and their friendship is tested by the pressures of race.

Despite the challenges they face, Jamie and Ronsel remain friends. They support each other through thick and thin, and they help each other to see the world in a new light. *Mudbound* is a story of hope and resilience, and it is a reminder of the power of friendship to overcome adversity.

The novel is written in a lyrical and evocative style, and Jordan's characters are richly drawn and complex. *Mudbound* is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of race in America, and it is a powerful reminder of the importance of friendship and understanding.

## Characters

- **Jamie McAllan:** The son of a wealthy white farmer. Jamie is a kind and compassionate young man, and he is horrified by the racism that he sees around him.
- **Ronsel Jackson:** The son of a sharecropper. Ronsel is a proud and independent young man, and he is determined to overcome the obstacles that he faces.
- **Henry McAllan:** Jamie's father. Henry is a successful farmer, but he is also a racist. He believes that black people are inferior to white people, and he treats them accordingly.
- **Florence McAllan:** Jamie's mother. Florence is a kind and loving woman, but she is also a product of her time. She believes that the

racism should be separate, and she is horrified when Jamie befriends Ronsel.

- **Hap Jackson:** Ronsel's father. Hap is a sharecropper who has worked hard all his life. He is a kind and gentle man, but he is also tired of being treated like a second-class citizen.
- **Laura Jackson:** Ronsel's mother. Laura is a strong and independent woman. She is determined to provide a good life for her family, and she is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in.

## Themes

- **Race:** *Mudbound* is a novel about race and the racism that was prevalent in the American South during the Jim Crow era. The novel shows how racism affects both black and white people, and it explores the ways in which racism can damage relationships and destroy lives.
- **Family:** *Mudbound* is also a novel about family. The novel follows two families, one white and one black, as they struggle to make a living and raise their children. The novel shows how family can provide support and strength during difficult times, and it explores the ways in which family can be a source of both love and conflict.
- **Friendship:** *Mudbound* is a novel about friendship. The novel follows the friendship between Jamie McAllan and Ronsel Jackson, two young men who come from very different backgrounds. The novel shows how friendship can overcome adversity, and it explores the ways in which friendship can change our lives.

## Critical Reception

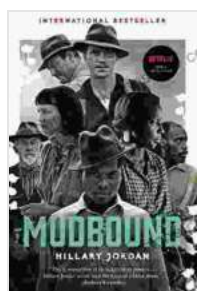
Mudbound has received widespread critical acclaim. The novel has been praised for its lyrical prose, its complex characters, and its powerful story. Mudbound has been shortlisted for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize, and it has been named one of the best books of the year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Time magazine.

## Adaptations

Mudbound has been adapted into a film of the same name, which was released in 2017. The film was directed by Dee Rees and stars Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Clarke, and Mary J. Blige. The film received critical acclaim and was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay.

## Legacy

Mudbound is a powerful and moving novel that has had a lasting impact on readers. The novel has been praised for its honesty, its compassion, and its ability to shed light on the complexities of race in America. Mudbound is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of race in America, and it is a powerful reminder of the importance of friendship and understanding.



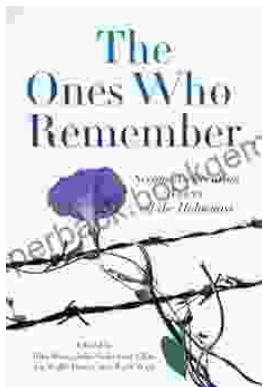
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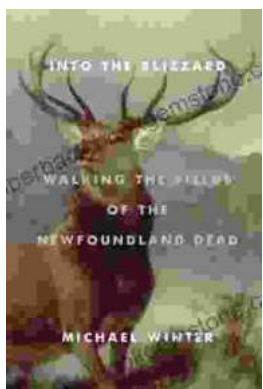
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