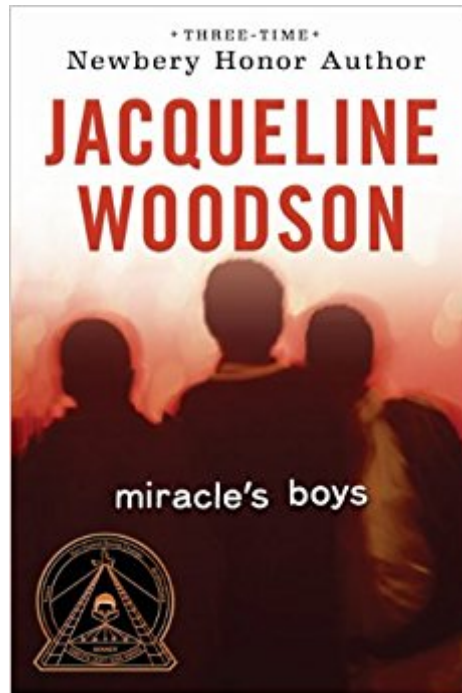




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Synopsis

From a three-time Newbery Honor author, a novel that was awarded the 2001 Coretta Scott King award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. For Lafayette and his brothers, the challenges of growing up in New York City are compounded by the facts that they've lost their parents and it's up to eldest brother Ty'ree to support the boys, and middle brother Charlie has just returned home from a correctional facility. Lafayette loves his brothers and would do anything if they could face the world as a team. But even though Ty'ree cares, he's just so busy with work and responsibility. And Charlie's changed so much that his former affection for his little brother has turned to open hostility. Now, as Lafayette approaches 13, he needs the guidance and answers only his brothers can give him. The events of one dramatic weekend force the boys to make the choice to be there for each other--to really see each other--or to give in to the pain and problems of every day.

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Customer Reviews

"Sometimes I feel like our life is one big work of art--it's everything" [Charlie] stared down at his bare feet. "And nothing." "This isn't art," I said. "It's our block! It's our life." If only, if only... Life is full of poignant hypotheticals for Ty'ree, Charlie, and Lafayette, three brothers who are raising themselves after they lost their father to a drowning accident and their mother to diabetes. Each boy deals with

his grief in his own way: the oldest, Ty'ree, has given up his dreams of college to work full time to support the others. Charlie is slipping into a life of crime, and is just back, angry and alienated, from two years at a correctional facility. Lafayette, the youngest brother, has retreated inward, avoiding his friends and blaming himself for his mother's death. These three are struggling against pretty large odds, but "brother to brother to brother," they can survive. Jacqueline Woodson writes with a sure hand and true understanding of the complexity and depth of young people's lives. Winner of many awards for her novels, including two Coretta Scott King Honors (for *From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun* and *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*), she tells a captivating, honest story. (Ages 9 and older) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Seventh-grader Lafayette fears that he will become separated from his two brothers after the death of their mother. "Viewing household tensions through Lafayette's eyes, readers will come to realize each character's internal conflicts and recognize their desperate need to cling together as a family," said PW. Ages 12-up. (Dec.) nCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Memories flood my mind along with tears every time I read Jacqueline. I thought about my mom and brothers while reading this piece. Force fed Joseph Smith from birth, we lacked faith in modern mythology. So when we had to prove a truth, trust or secret we would swear to the three Jimi's in lieu of God. Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Jimmy Page. While it's hard not to focus on the darkness this book reminded me of the good years with mom when we would watch Mystery Science Theater 3000 for days on end on the Betamax and play spades late into the night.

My daughter, who is an avid reader and hardly ever says that a book is boring, did not really enjoy this one. She had to read it for school (summer reading), and she found it to be very slow going. I guess the book won the Newberry award, but my teen and her friends had a difficult time finishing it for school. My daughter has been known to re-read a book because she loved it so, but this one barely got read and now sits dusty on a shelf. Just our experience with it. If you have to read it for school, I guess you have no other choice than to go with it.

I saw the movie years ago on the N with my oldest son so decided to have my 11 year old read it to me for his 6th grade reading project and the book was even better than movie. Excellent writing, made the story come alive like you were right there with Lafayette, NewCharlie and Tyree. Ald bout

he DVD to enforce his learning and so he could see the words come alive and compare it to the picture he created in his head.

Great novel. Read it as a group read with my 7th and 8th grade kids at school and they liked it very much. Many were able to empathize with the middle son not being able to say goodbye to either mom or dad when they died so the characters made an impact on them. I would recommend this for middle school children, boy or girl.

This was required reading for school. The book was in good shape. It's a nice story. But it's hard to read because it's not written in proper English

This book is a terrific slice of history and a bird's eye view into this working class community and the girls who become friends in the way that only teenage girls seem to do: deeply, passionately, and 'forever'. Ms. Woodson does a terrific job weaving in the unnerving presence of D, the girl in foster care and as such it is a thought-provoking work about ideas of what constitutes 'family' and how community exists both in and outside of our individual neighborhoods. Commitment to all, even with significant differences, is also described.

I thought it was a very good book with a good plot but I would've liked it to be a little longer. maybe a novel even. I wouldve liked to know about what happened in the future to the boys such as: did Charlie change his ways?, did laf have to go to aunt vehicle's?, did they ever go to balamÃ n?

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