

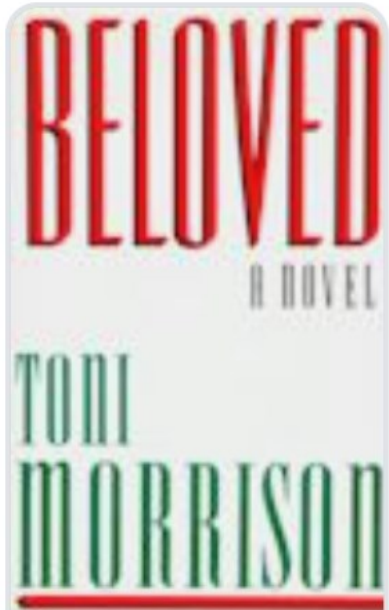
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Toni Morrison	
Morrison in 1998	
Born	Chloe Ardelia Wofford February 18, 1931 <sup>[1]</sup> <a href="#">Lorain, Ohio</a> , U.S.
Died	August 5, 2019 (aged 88) Bronx, New York, U.S.
Occupation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Novelist</li> <li>•essayist</li> <li>•children's writer</li> <li>•professor</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<a href="#">Howard University</a> (BA)</li> <li>•<a href="#">Cornell University</a> (MA)</li> </ul>
Genre	<a href="#">Literary fiction</a>
Notable works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<a href="#">The Bluest Eye</a> (1970)</li> <li>•<a href="#">Sula</a> (1973)</li> <li>•<a href="#">Song of Solomon</a> (1977)</li> <li>•<a href="#">Tar Baby</a> (1981)</li> <li>•<a href="#">Beloved</a> (1987)</li> </ul>
Notable awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<a href="#">Presidential Medal of Freedom</a></li> <li>•<a href="#">National Humanities Medal</a></li> <li>•<a href="#">Nobel Prize in Literature</a></li> <li>•<a href="#">Pulitzer Prize for Fiction</a></li> </ul>
Spouse	Harold Morrison  (m. 1958; div. 1964)

## Morrison's Other Books...



Beloved  
(novel)



The  
Bluest Eye



Song of  
Solomon



Sula



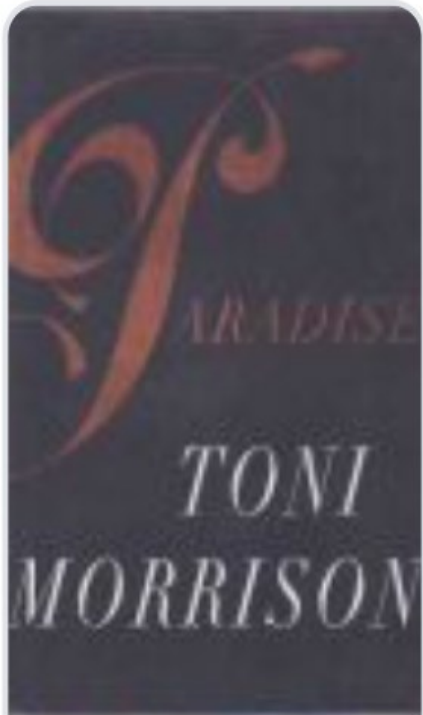
Tar Baby  
(SparkNotes  
Literature  
Guide)



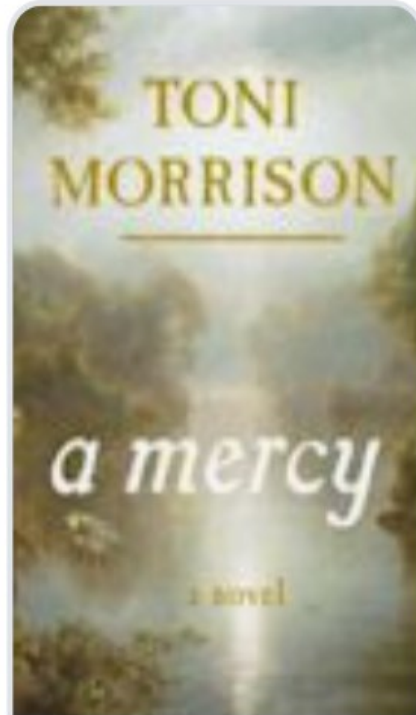
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Trilogy,  
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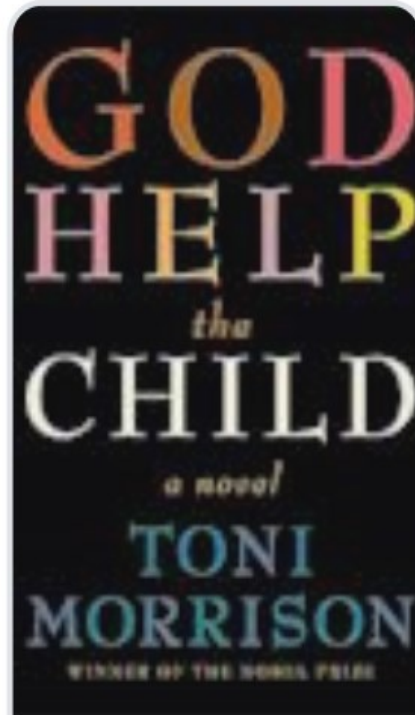
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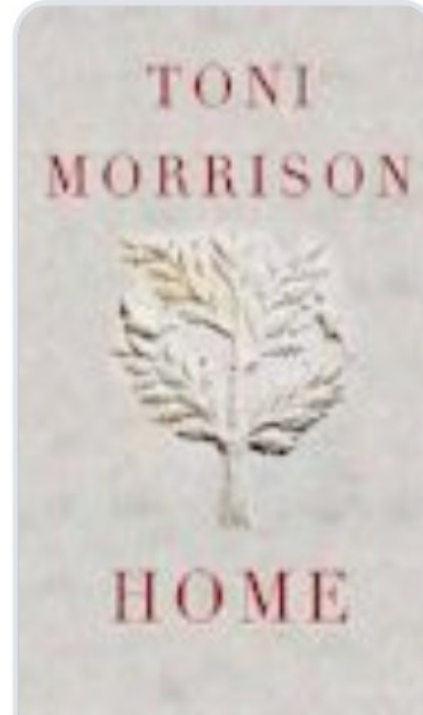
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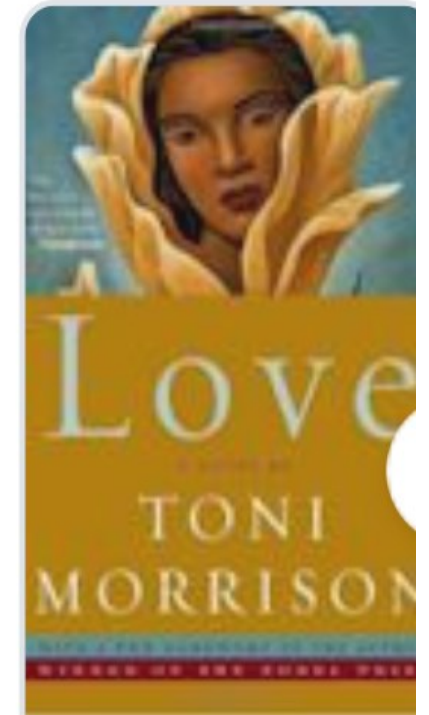
A Mercy



God Help  
the Child



Home



Love



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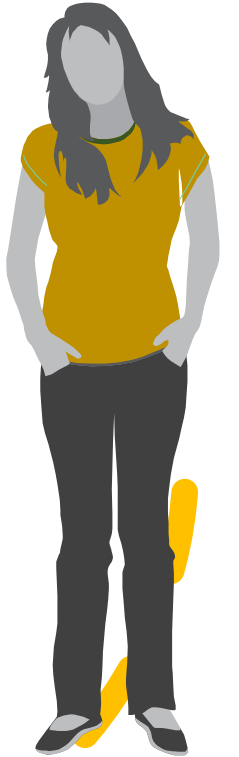
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- Blume, Judy. [\*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret\*](#)
- Bradbury, Ray. [\*Fahrenheit 451\*](#)
- Burgess, Anthony. [\*A Clockwork Orange\*](#)
- Collins, Suzanne. [\*The Hunger Games\*](#)
- Duncan, Lois. [\*Killing Mr. Griffin\*](#)
- Gaiman, Neil. [\*Sandman\*](#)
- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang. [\*The Sorrows of Young Werther\*](#)
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- Huxley, Aldous. [\*Brave New World\*](#)
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## National Book Awards Clip






# BELOVED



**Beloved**

Plot Summary



# Quotes



Each member of the family in his own cell of consciousness, each making his own patchwork quilt of reality - collecting fragments of experience here, pieces of information there. From the tiny impressions gleaned from one another, they created a sense of belonging and tried to make do with the way they found each other.

— Toni Morrison —

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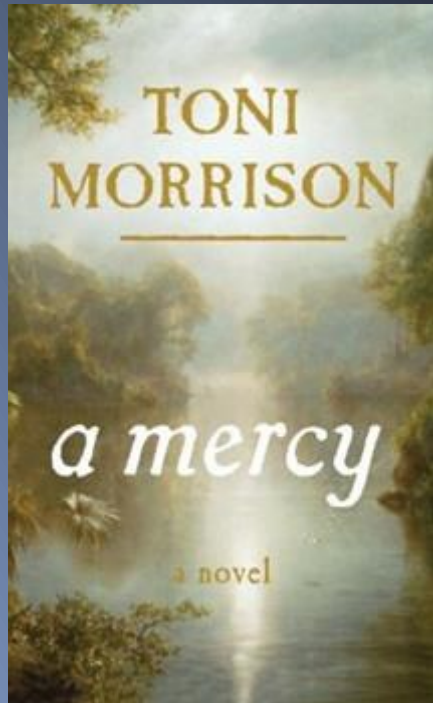
## — Toni Morrison, Beloved

“Risky, thought Paul D, very risky. For a used-to-be-slave woman to love anything that much was dangerous, especially if it was her children she had settled on to love. The best thing, he knew, was to love just a little bit, so when they broke its back, or shoved it in a croaker sack, well, maybe you'd have a little love left over for the next one.”





# Summary of A Mercy



**A powerful tragedy distilled into a jewel of a masterpiece by the Nobel Prize–winning author of *Beloved* and, almost like a prelude to that story, set two centuries earlier.**

- In the 1680s the Atlantic slave trade was still in its infancy. In the Americas, religious and class divisions, prejudice and oppression were rife, providing the fertile soil in which slavery and race hatred were planted and took root.
- Jacob is an Anglo-Dutch trader and adventurer, with a small holding in the harsh north. Despite his distaste for dealing in “flesh,” he takes a small slave girl in part payment for a bad debt from a plantation owner in Catholic Maryland. This is Florens, “with the hands of a slave and the feet of a Portuguese lady.”
- Florens looks for love, first from Lina, an older servant woman at her new master’s house, but later from a handsome blacksmith, an African, never enslaved.
- There are other voices: Lina, whose tribe was decimated by smallpox; their mistress, Rebekka, herself a victim of religious intolerance back in England; Sorrow, a strange girl who’s spent her early years at sea; and finally the devastating voice of Florens’ mother. These are all men and women inventing themselves in the wilderness.
- *A Mercy* reveals what lies beneath the surface of slavery. But at its heart it is the ambivalent, disturbing story of a mother who casts off her daughter in order to save her, and of a daughter who may never exorcise that abandonment.

# Summary of “A Mercy”

FLORENS

**Florens**  
*sixteen-year-old slave*



Narration by  
**Robert Gazy**



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