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Book Review

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Set against the backdrop of a small rural town in Mississippi during the 1950s, Rose tries to understand and find strength in the tumultuous era of the Jim Crow Laws. Rose is African American and lives with her family of sharecroppers. With her best friend Hallelujah, Rose attempts to understand what it means to be brave and to stand up for what you believe in. As racial tensions escalate throughout the South, Rose delves into civil rights protests, despite her grandmother's wishes. She wrestles with the decision to either stay in the South or join a family living in the North with less persecution. She ultimately decides to remain in the South so that she can stand up and fight for the rights of African Americans.

A Sky Full of Stars is the courageous story of Rose Lee Carter and demonstrates the power of Linda William Jackson's writing. This compelling story truly gives light to what it would have been like for African Americans living in the South during the Civil Rights Movement. While the subject matter can at times be bleak and cruel, there is so much hope in the young characters for this momentous time in history. The writing is full of Southern vernacular and may be a challenge for some readers; however, it gives authenticity to the story. This book provides many teachable moments and is ripe with discussion on race, segregation, civil rights, courage, and bravery.

*Contains moderate violence and moderate language.

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

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