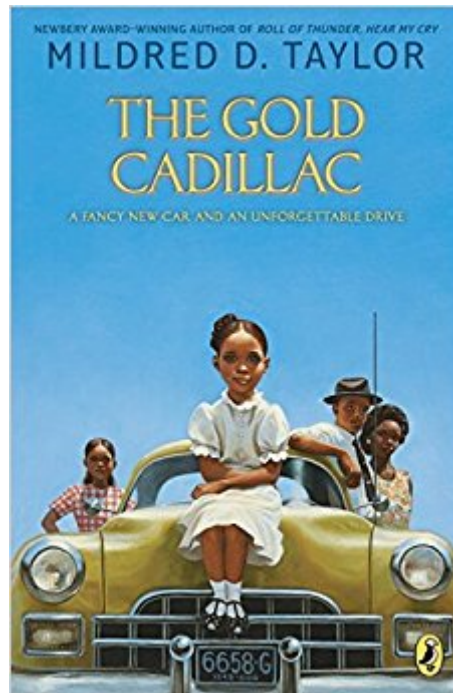




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The Gold Cadillac



Synopsis

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. A drive South becomes dangerous for *Lois* and her family. *Lois* and Wilma are proud of their father's brand-new gold Cadillac, and excited that the family will be driving it all the way from Ohio to Mississippi. But as they travel deeper into the rural South, there are no admiring glances for the shiny new car; only suspicion and anger for the black man behind the wheel. For the first time in their lives, Lois and her sister know what it's like to feel scared because of the color of their skin. "A personal, poignant look at a black child's first experience with institutional racism."--The New York Times

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-038964-4. Two novels by a Newbery Medalist address racial prejudice. In *The Gold Cadillac*, an African American family driving South in their new 1950 car encounters suspicion and segregation. In *The Friendship*, Cassie Logan of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* witnesses a confrontation between a white storekeeper and an African American customer in her small Mississippi town in 1933. Ages 7-11. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 2-3 In this quiet story, `lois explains a child's perspective of her fears when she, her sister Wilma, and their parents drive from Ohio to visit relatives in Mississippi in 1950. When `lois' father buys a new gold Cadillac, his wife refuses to ride in it until he declares his intentions to visit his parents in the South. Then the whole family goes, caravan style, for it's ``a mighty dangerous thing, for a black man to drive an expensive car into the rural South." `lois and Wilma are disquieted by the increasing appearance of ``white only, colored not allowed" signs as they drive further south. After white policemen humiliate and arrest their father, they do visit their grandparents, but the trip results in their father giving up the car when they return home, realizing that it was pulling the family apart. Full-page sepia paintings effectively portray the characters, setting, and mood of the story events as Hays ably demonstrates his understanding of the social and emotional environments which existed for blacks during this period. `lois' first-person narrative allows readers to understand the youthful perspective on the dehumanizing intentions of racism. Clear language and logical, dramatic sequencing of story events make this story bittersweet for adult readers but important for the social development of beginning readers. Helen E. Williams, University of Maryland, College Park Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

great books, great author! bough the entire series for my daughter.

This book was a great read aloud for my students. We loved the message and also the idea of the story being told by a child to show how kids were feeling during the civil rights era. Nice!

Extremely fast shipping. Great

I thought this was a good book to show what times were like back then in the north and south. And it was what I would call a short and sweet story, meaning it was very very good but kind of short or quick too.

Great book!

Excellent book.....very good series

Another book I purchased for my grown daughter. Now she should have all the books written by

Mildred D. Taylor.

This book arrived in mint condition. Paid more for shipping than the book. It is a terrific book to read. Students , especially boys seem to enjoy the book. Children aren't aware of all the injustices that African-Americans endured during the early 50's and 60's in a desegregated society!

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