

**TITLE:** Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

**AUTHOR:** Mildred D. Taylor

**CATEGORY/GENRE:** Historical Fiction

**SERIES:** Yes

**AWARDS:** Newbery Award 1977

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**ABOUT THIS BOOK:** Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry is part of a series that tells the story of the Logan family. This part of their story takes place during the Great Depression and the Jim Crow era. Slavery had been abolished seventy years ago, but racial tensions and discrimination are still prevalent, especially in the South. Cassie and her siblings have been taught the value of love, family, courage, pride and self-respect by their parents. How do you maintain these values, though, when you are being humiliated, threatened, falsely accused and treated unfairly just because of the color of your skin? This book does contain sensitive subject matter, such as racism and acts of violence.

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