

TITLE: Cry, The Beloved Country

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CATEGORY/GENRE: Political Fiction, Cultural—African, Classics

SERIES: No

AWARDS: Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Fiction

SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS: *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela, *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen, Karen Blixen, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

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ABOUT THIS BOOK: The story follows Stephen Kumalo, a priest from a small African village during the Apartheid, as he travels from his rural community to a bustling metropolis in search of his sister and his son. Throughout his travels, the reader sees the world from Kumalo's perspective and from life in general to the ethics and morals of the people who are being corrupted—including his son, who has been charged with murder. The story also follows James Jarvis, a wealthy landowner, whose son, Arthur, maintained liberal racial views before being murdered. Do both fathers come to understand their sons more and discover what led them to their choices?

YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...you enjoy stories about families and that challenges one another's differing world views. Stories of inequality and injustice are often very tragic, it can be important to explore such stories to help better your understanding of the wider world.