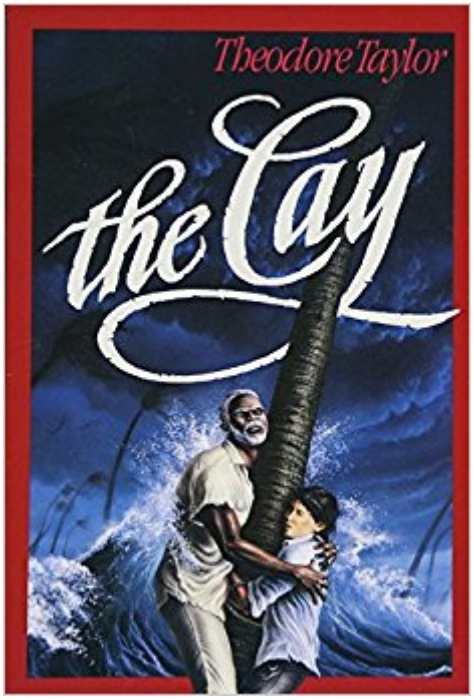
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# The Cay




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## Synopsis

For fans of Hatchet and Island of the Blue Dolphins comes Theodore TaylorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s classic bestseller and Lewis Carroll Shelf Award winner, The Cay.Ã Â Ã Â Phillip is excited when the Germans invade the small island of CuraÃƒÂ§ao. War has always been a game to him, and heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eager to glimpse it firsthandÃ¢â ¬â œuntil the freighter he and his mother are traveling to the United States on is torpedoed.Ã Â Ã Â When Phillip comes to, he is on a small raft in the middle of the sea. Besides Stew Cat, his only companion is an old West Indian, Timothy. Phillip remembers his motherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s warning about black people: Ã¢â ¬Å“They are different, and they live differently.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â But by the time the castaways arrive on a small island, PhillipÃ¢â ¬â„¢s head injury has made him blind and dependent on Timothy.Ã¢â ¬Å“Mr. Taylor has provided an exciting storyÃ¢â ¬Â¦The idea that all humanity would benefit from this special form of color blindness permeates the whole bookÃ¢â ¬Â¦The result is a story with a high ethical purpose but no sermon.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •New York Times Book Review Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“A taut tightly compressed story of endurance and revelationÃ¢â ¬Â¦At once barbed and tender, tense and fragileÃ¢â ¬â •as Timothy would say, Ã¢â ¬Ëœoutrageous good.Ã¢â ¬â„¢Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus Reviews Ã Â * Ã¢â ¬Å“Fully realized settingÃ¢â ¬Â¦artful, unobtrusive use of dialectÃ¢â ¬Â¦the representation of a hauntingly deep love, the poignancy of which is rarely achieved in childrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s literature.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •School Library Journal, Starred Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“Starkly dramatic, believable and compelling.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Saturday Review Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“A tense and moving experience in reading.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Å“Eloquently underscores the intrinsic brotherhood of man.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •BooklistÃ Â "This is one of the best survival stories since Robinson Crusoe."Ã¢â ¬â •The Washington Star Ã Â A New York Times Best Book of the Year Ã Â A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year Ã Â A Horn Book Honor Book Ã Â An American Library Association Notable Book Ã Â A Publishers Weekly ChildrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Book to Remember Ã Â A Child Study AssociationÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Pick of ChildrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Books of the Year Ã Â Jane Addams Book Award Ã Â Lewis Carroll Shelf Award Ã Â Commonwealth Club of California: Literature Award Ã Â Southern California Council on Literature for Children and Young People Award Ã Â Woodward School Annual Book Award Ã Â Friends of the Library Award, University of California at Irvine

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I absolutely loved this book and recommend it for everybody. There are so many twists and turns and I fell in love with the book. I wish it didn’t end.

Loved it as a boy, loved reading it to my kids at bedtime. The plot moves quickly enough for the young ones and the themes are valuable for all ages.

This is required reading for my Son this Summer so I got him a copy and read it first. I like reading and thought this was a good novel - I would compare it to other survival living on an island but it does have a good "blind" twist to it.If you are looking for the movie then look on Youtube.

I read this book with my son in 5th grade and we both absolutely loved it. It is a touching story about survival and friendship. It is a must read for all ages.

Great book about prejudices and people’s reaction to them. My grandpa’s seventh grade English class will be studying this book this school year.

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