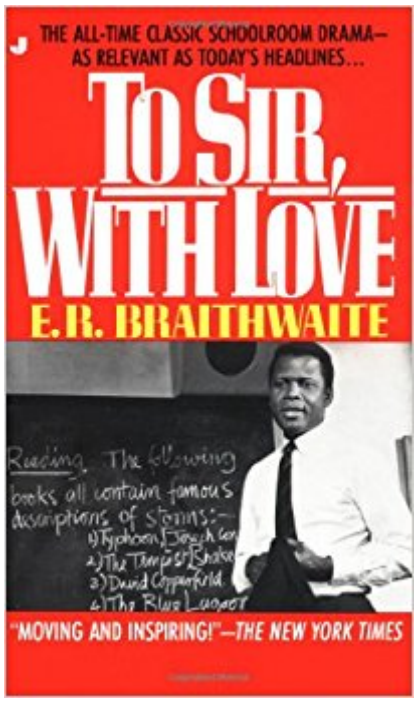
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Synopsis

The author’s experiences as a teacher in the slums of London.

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"A book that the reader devours quickly, ponders slowly, and forgets not at all-Moving and inspiring" New York Times "E.R. Braithwaite’s postwar novel about a black teacher fighting to win the respect of white pupils in a school in the East End of London is a milestone in the campaign for racial equality" Guardian "It is the noblest, most moving, least sentimental account of life in a modern school and of a teacher’s struggles with his pupils and with himself that I have come across" -- Michael Croft Observer --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The author himself made the transition from engineer to teacher in one of the toughest of East End schools. Sidney Poitier played him effectively in the subsequent feature film. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I first read this book in high school and the teacher reminds me of a teacher I had in Jr. high school that influenced me to finish high school. Before that I was going to quit school as soon as I was 16. I was 21 when I finished ,but I did! You can why I liked the book.

For me, having seen and loved the movie long before I ever read the book, the book is a let down. But if I had read it first, I likely would have felt differently. To Sir With Love is a novel that should

rank up there with To Kill A Mockingbird, the story told is that good. And don't get me wrong, I enjoyed reading the book, which I first read probably 30 years ago, but the movie will always be my preferred version. Its one of those enlightening novels that come along every so often, telling the story from the viewpoint of one person who is being candid with the thoughts, sights, and ideas encountered. This is more than an easy evening's read, and to do it justice, you really don't want to rush thru it but stop and think and savor all the new ideas, new visions, etc., that you are reading about.

I loved the movie with Sidney Poitier and I was curious how the book would read. I needn't have worried--the movie followed the book faithfully. Rick Braithwaite, a young black man, comes to England after the war with high hopes of using his military training to procure a good job. No one will hire him because of his color. A stranger suggests he try teaching, so he does. The way he turns a group of rowdy lower class students into well-behaved young men and women is as heartwarming as it can be, and I really enjoyed reading it.

As a teenager in the 60's the movie was one of my favorites. As a teacher in later years, I tried to follow the example set by Mr. Braithwaite. Students need to be exposed to experiences and people out of their normal routines. In today's world of performance testing, budget cuts and legal issues, these types of opportunities are few and far between. Mr. Braithwaite's classroom is still my ideal.

"To Sir, with Love" is so well known that it's hardly necessary to review the plot in depth. Sidney Poitier's role in the movie version of the book has done that for us. Suffice to say that the story hasn't lost its relevance over the years.E.R. Braithwaite, Oxford educated, and distinguished in public service for his native British Guayana, has also, like his self-portrayed hero, obviously felt the sting of racism. In this fictionalized version of his experiences as a school teacher in a tough area of London, Braithwaite does not deny the pain of prejudice routinely encountered by people of color. He simply paints for us a man of personal integrity who rises above the unfair circumstances inflicted by society to find love in his heart and to render service.Besides the important theme of racial justice, "To Sir, with Love" is a great book to read for enjoyment. I highly recommend it.

Wow, such a great book! Can see why it was made into a classic movie (which I plan on seeing soon). It's a wonderful story about racial struggle, and how even when confronted with social norms, people shock with compassion on both sides of the racial divide. Well written and a true page turner.

Love that it’s based on a true story. While dated (written about post WWII England) it still holds up today. Maybe more so as Americans struggle with "not being prejudiced" until it’s at your front door. Think anyone who enjoys reading historical/autobiographical/sociological books, this is must read! I promise it’s not dry at all! A true must read!

Wonderful story, great characters. Funny to say, but long for the "olden" days, when those were the problems with teenagers and the times.

I really enjoyed this incredible book and cannot wait to read more from this author. I highly recommend the book. It’s a great read.

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