**The Color Purple**

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This story is about a girl named Celie and her sister Nettie. The book takes place in the south after slaves were free. Celie is African American and is 14 years old. Pa rapes Celie. Celie has two children and Pa sold them off to a couple in town.

Mr.\_\_\_ comes. He wants to marry Nettie. Pa will not let him because Nettie is smart and pretty. Pa says that Mr.\_\_\_ can have Celie though because she is stupid and ugly. Mr.\_\_\_ agrees to marry Celie. The two sisters have to leave each other. Nettie runs away from home. She comes to live with Mr.\_\_\_ and Celie. She had to get away from Pa because he was starting to look at her funny.

One day Mr.\_\_\_ forces Nettie to leave. And she goes to live with a family, Corrine and Samuel are the parents and their two children are Olivia and Adam. They are missionaries for their church. They go to Africa and stay with the Olinka Tribe. They teach them how to read and write. The family lives in Africa for awhile.

Nettie writes letters to Celie, but Celie never gets them because Mr.\_\_\_ keeps them from her. One day Shug Avery comes. She is a “family friend”. She and Celie become close. Shug and Celie go through Mr.\_\_\_’s trunk one day. They find Nettie’s letters. Celie writes to Nettie but the letters never get to her.

Will Nettie and Celie ever reunite? Read *The Color Purple* to find out!

**Recommendation**

I did not like *The Color Purple* very much. This book was very slow paced. There wasn’t a lot of action. The story mostly talks about Celie’s day to day life and for me it was not interesting.

This book takes place in the past and I don’t like to read books that are in the past. It talks a lot about the history in the south after slaves were freed. It also talks about how the African American girls were not treated very well. This book was very graphic about what the husbands did to their daughters and wives. In some parts it was disturbing.

In *The Color Purple* it was kind of hard to read because Celie is not well educated and so she doesn’t know the correct grammar to use. She spells things wrong and so I had some trouble trying to figure out what she was actually talking about.

This book is also written in letter form which I like. I like it because it changes the view and you get to find out what other people are thinking. The letters are written to Nettie, Celie, and God.

I almost stopped reading this book because it got so confusing. The hardest part was trying to figure out who was related to who. There are a lot of characters in this book and you might get them all mixed up. I got it in the end and if you read this book you will too.

*The* *Color Purple* is very good at describing things. You can picture exactly what is happening. That part wasn’t confusing. I liked that part about the book.

*The Color Purple* was a book that I didn’t love, but I also didn’t hate it. It was an average book to read. That is my Recommendation for *The Color Purple*.