

# Alice Walker The Color Purple

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*This Is Just My Face* Gabourey Sidibe 2017-05-01

The Oscar-nominated Precious star and Empire actress delivers a riveting memoir that is wise, complex, smart, funny, and breaks the mold, just like Sidibe, herself. Gabourey Sidibe - "Gabby" to her legion of fans - skyrocketed to international fame in 2009 when she played the leading role in Lee Daniels' acclaimed movie Precious. In *This Is Just My Face*, she shares a one-of-a-kind life story in a voice as fresh and challenging as many of the unique characters she's played onscreen. With full-throttle honesty, Sidibe paints her Bed-Stuy/Harlem family life with a polygamous father and a gifted mother who supports her two children by singing in the subway. Sidibe tells the engrossing, inspiring story of her first job as a phone sex "talker". And she shares her unconventional (of course!) rise to fame as a movie star alongside "a superstar cast of rich people who lived in mansions and had their own private islands and amazing careers while I lived in my mom's apartment." Sidibe's memoir hits hard with self-knowing dispatches on friendship, depression, celebrity, haters, fashion, race, and weight ("If I could just get the world to see me the way I see myself," she writes, "would my body still be a thing you walked away thinking about?"). Irreverent, hilarious, and untraditional, *This Is Just My Face* will resonate with anyone who has ever felt different and with anyone who has ever felt inspired to make a dream come true.

**The Third Life of Grange Copeland** - Alice Walker 2011-11-22

From the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Color Purple*: A “moving, tender” novel of a Deep South tenant farmer’s quest for a new life (Publishers Weekly). Grange Copeland, a deeply conflicted and struggling tenant farmer in the Deep South of the 1930s, leaves his family and everything he’s ever known to find happiness and respect in the cold cities of the North. This misadventure, his “second life,” proves a dismal failure that sends him back where he came from to confront his now-grown-up son’s disastrous relationships with his own family, including Grange’s granddaughter, Ruth Copeland, a child that Grange grows to love. Love becomes the substance of his third and final life. He spends it in devotion to Ruth, teaching and protecting her—though the cost of doing so is almost more than he can bear. From a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner, this is an “honest sensitive tale . . . leavened by those moments of humor and warmth that have enabled men and women to endure so much tragedy” (Chicago Daily News). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alice Walker including rare photos from the author’s personal collection.

[The Color Purple by Alice Walker \(Book Analysis\)](#) - Bright Summaries 2018-12-13

Unlock the more straightforward side of *The Color Purple* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, which tells the story of Celie, a poor, uneducated African-American woman living in the rural Georgia in the first half of the 20th century. After being abused by the man she calls her father, married against her will to a man she does not love and forcibly separated from her beloved sister Nettie, Celie begins to despair of her condition. However, thanks in large part to her burgeoning relationship with the charismatic jazz singer Shug Avery, she gradually develops a sense of identity and begins to assert her independence in spite of the barriers facing her. The novel won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was subsequently adapted into an Oscar-nominated film directed by Steven Spielberg. Find out everything you need to know about *The Color Purple* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary

knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

[Modern Critical Interpretations](#) - Harold Bloom 2008-02-01

*The Color Purple* Alice Walker 2011

A single-volume compilation of two works pairs the writer's Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning master work with the author-described "romance of the last 500,000 years."

[The Cushion in the Road](#) - Alice Walker 2013-04-09

This gorgeous collection gathers Alice Walker's wide-ranging meditations—many of them previously unpublished—on our intertwined personal, spiritual, and political destinies. For the millions of her devoted fans, and for readers of Walker's bestselling 2006 book, *We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For*, here is a brand new "gift of words" that invites readers on a journey of political awakening and spiritual insight. *The Cushion in the Road* finds the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, poet, essayist, and activist at the height of her literary powers, sharing fresh vantages and a deepening engagement with our world. Walker writes that "we are beyond a rigid category of color, sex, or spirituality if we are truly alive," and the pieces in *The Cushion in the Road* illustrate this idea beautifully. Visiting themes she has addressed throughout her career—including racism, Africa, Palestinian solidarity, and Cuba—as well as addressing emergent issues, such as the presidency of Barack Obama on health care, Walker explores her conflicting impulses to retreat into inner contemplation and to remain deeply engaged with the world. Rich with humor and wisdom, and informed by Walker's unique eye for the details of human and natural experience, *The Cushion in the Road* will please longtime Walker fans as well as those who are new to her work.

[The Color Purple](#) - Alice Walker 1982

The lives of two sisters--Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a Southern woman married to a man she hates--are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years.

**The Color Purple** - Harold Bloom 2008

Presents a collection of critical essays about Alice Walker's *The color purple*.

*The Color Purple* Alice Walker 2011-09-20

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, this novel about a resilient and courageous woman has become a Broadway show and a cultural phenomenon. A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick Celie has grown up poor in rural Georgia, despised by the society around her and abused by her own family. She strives to protect her sister, Nettie, from a similar fate, and while Nettie escapes to a new life as a missionary in Africa, Celie is left behind without her best friend and confidante, married off to an older suitor, and sentenced to a life alone with a harsh and brutal husband. In an attempt to transcend a life that often seems too much to bear, Celie begins writing letters directly to God. The letters, spanning twenty years, record a journey of self-discovery and empowerment guided by the light of a few strong women. She meets Shug Avery, her husband's mistress and a jazz singer with a zest for life, and her stepson's wife, Sophia, who challenges her to fight for independence. And though the many letters from Celie's sister are hidden by her husband, Nettie's unwavering support will prove to be the most breathtaking of all. *The Color Purple* has sold more than five million copies, inspired an Academy Award-nominated film starring Oprah Winfrey and directed by Steven Spielberg, and been adapted into a Tony-nominated Broadway musical. Lauded as a literary masterpiece, this is the groundbreaking novel that placed Walker "in the company of Faulkner" (The Nation), and remains a wrenching—yet intensely uplifting—experience for new generations of readers. This ebook features a new introduction written by the author on the twenty-fifth anniversary of publication, and an illustrated biography of Alice Walker

including rare photos from the author's personal collection. The Color Purple is the 1st book in the Color Purple Collection, which also includes The Temple of My Familiar and Possessing the Secret of Joy.

[CliffsNotes on Walker's The Color Purple](#) - Gloria Rose 1986-05-29

The original CliffsNotes study guides offer expert commentary on major themes, plots, characters, literary devices, and historical background. In CliffsNotes on The Color Purple, you follow the beautiful and difficult story of a shy and abused Southern black woman's struggle to create an identity, a feeling of self-worth, and love. Covering a series of personal letters that span a 40-year period, this study guide shares a story about growth, endurance, loyalty, solidarity, and joy -- all nurtured by the strength of love. You'll gain comfort with the black folk language main character Celie's uses to express herself as you move through critical commentaries on each of the novel's 89 letters. Other features that help you figure out this important work include Life and background of the author, Alice Walker Analyses of a large cast of characters Introduction to the novel A review section that tests your knowledge and suggests essay topics A selected bibliography that leads you to more great resources Classic literature or modern-day treasure — you'll understand it all with expert information and insight from CliffsNotes study guides.

**Saving Ruby King** - Catherine Adel West 2020-06-16

Named a Most Anticipated Book of 2020 by Ms. Magazine, USA Today Book Riot, The Rumpus, Library Journal, PureWow, The Every Girl, Parade and more. "Forever and to the end. That's what they say instead of I love you." When Ruby King's mother is found murdered in their home in Chicago's South Side, the police dismiss it as another act of violence in a black neighborhood. But for Ruby, it's a devastating loss that leaves her on her own with her violent father. While she receives many condolences, her best friend, Layla, is the only one who understands how this puts Ruby in jeopardy. Their closeness is tested when Layla's father, the pastor of their church, demands that Layla stay away. But what is the price for turning a blind eye? In a relentless quest to save Ruby, Layla uncovers the murky loyalties and dangerous secrets that have bound their families together for generations. Only by facing this legacy of trauma head-on will Ruby be able to break free. An unforgettable debut novel, Saving Ruby King is a powerful testament that history doesn't determine the present and the bonds of friendship can forever shape the future.

**Alice Walker's the Color Purple: Bookmarked** - Bernice McFadden 2020-08-18

In our latest entry in Ig's acclaimed Bookmarked series, one of the most important voices in contemporary fiction writes on one of the most important novels in American literary history.

[Alice Walker - The Color Purple](#) - Rachel Lister 2010-07-15

Since its publication in 1982, The Color Purple has polarized critics and generated controversy while delighting many readers around the world. Rachel Lister offers a clear, stimulating and wide-ranging exploration of the critical history of Alice Walker's best-selling novel, from contemporary reviews through to twenty-first-century readings. This Reader's Guide: • opens with an overview of Walker's work • provides a detailed consideration of the conception and reception of The Color Purple • examines coverage of key critical issues and debates such as Walker's use of generic conventions, linguistic and narrative strategies, race, class, gender and sexual politics • covers the reception and cultural impact of cinematic and musical adaptations, including Steven Spielberg's 1985 film and the recent Broadway production. Lively and insightful, this is an indispensable volume for anyone studying, or simply interested in, Alice Walker and her most famous work.

[Study Guide to The Color Purple and Other Works by Alice Walker](#) - Intelligent Education 2020-06-28

A comprehensive study guide offering in-depth explanation, essay, and test prep for selected works by Alice Walker, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award in 1983. Titles in this study guide include The Color Purple, You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down, The Third Life of Grange, Revolutionary Petunias, Once, Meridian, and In Love & Trouble: Stories of Black Women, Good Night Willie Lee, and I'll See You in the Morning. As a world renowned author of African American literature, Walker established her reputation in poetry, short stories, essays, novels, and even children's stories. Moreover, she coined the term "womanist" to describe feminist women of color, first exemplified in The Color Purple. This Bright Notes Study Guide explores the context and history of Walker's classic work, helping students to thoroughly explore the reasons they have stood the literary test of time. Each Bright Notes Study Guide contains: - Introductions to the Author and the Work - Character Summaries - Plot Guides - Section and Chapter

Overviews - Test Essay and Study Q&As The Bright Notes Study Guide series offers an in-depth tour of more than 275 classic works of literature, exploring characters, critical commentary, historical background, plots, and themes. This set of study guides encourages readers to dig deeper in their understanding by including essay questions and answers as well as topics for further research.

["The Color Purple" by Alice Walker - an Analysis](#) - Katharina Eder 2011-05

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1, University of Vienna, language: English, abstract: The Color Purple is Alice Walker's masterpiece, which made the author not only the first female Afro American author to receive a Pulitzer Prize but moreover brought her world fame and a broader recognition of her other works. This analysis of the text focuses on motifs, themes and symbolism used in the story. It also talks about the author by giving an in-dept overview not only about her life but also the sociocultural background that shaped this novel. As mentioned before a clear focus is put on themes, symbols and motifs in the novel, which are widely used and therefore also are somehow responsible for the diversity of approaches to reading the novel. The textual analysis is enhanced by a brief summary of the plot, characters and their relationship as well as a compressed paragraph talking about the setting and an overview over some narrative techniques used in the novel.

**The Same River Twice** - Alice Walker 1997

Chronicles the experiences of Alice Walker in the aftermath of the publication of The Color Purple and its winning of the Pulitzer Prize, as illustrated by essays, journal entries, and the author's never-used screenplay. Reprint.

**The Color Purple** - Alice Walker 2003

The Pulitzer Prize-winning novel that tells the story of two sisters through their correspondence. With a new Preface by the author.

**Studies Alice Walker's the Color Purple** - Basu 2014-06-02

**The Beginning After The End** - TurtleMe 2021-03-19

I had to accept that I wasn't just Arthur Leywin anymore, and that I could no longer be limited by the circumstances of my birth. If I was going to escape, if I was going to go toe-to-toe with the most powerful beings in this world, I needed to push myself to my utmost limit...and then I needed to push even further. After nearly dying as a victim of his own strength, Arthur Leywin wakes to find himself far from the continent where he was born for the second time. Alone, broken, and with no way to tell his family he's alive, Arthur must rebuild his strength to survive. As he ascends through an ancient dungeon filled with hostile beasts and devious trials, he discovers an ancient, absolute power - a power that will either ruin him or take him to new heights. But the dungeon won't give up its knowledge easily. Before he can plunder its depths, Arthur must learn to untangle the threads of fate. He must band together with the unlikeliest of allies if he hopes to escape with his life.

**Alice Walker** - Mary Donnelly 2010-01-30

An in-depth analysis of Alice Walker, her writings, and the historical time period in which they were written.

**Morning in the Burned House** - Margaret Atwood 1995

A collection of intimate reflections on such diverse subjects as classical history, popular mythology, love, and the fragility of nature

**Alice Walker's The Color Purple** - Marian Picton 1992

[Instructions for a Heatwave](#) - Maggie O'Farrell 2013-06-18

An unforgettable narrative—from the New York Times bestselling author of Hamnet—of a family falling apart and coming together with hard-won, life-changing truths about who they really are. "Strange weather brings out strange behavior." London, 1976. In the thick of a record-breaking heatwave, Gretta Riordan's newly retired husband has cleaned out his bank account and vanished. Now, for the first time in years, Gretta calls her children home: Michael Francis, a history teacher whose marriage is failing; Monica, whose blighted past has driven a wedge between her and her younger sister; and Aoife, the youngest, whose new life in Manhattan is elaborately arranged to conceal a devastating secret. In a story that stretches from the Upper West Side to a village on the coast of Ireland, Maggie O'Farrell explores the mysteries that inhere within families, and reveals the fault lines over which we build our lives. Don't miss Maggie O'Farrell's new novel, The Marriage Portrait, coming in September!

[Alice Walker Banned](#) - Alice Walker 1996

Featuring a reprint of Alice Walker's short stories "Roselily" and "Am I Blue?", this little gift book carries a serious message about censorship. Holt's Introduction describes past forms of literary censorship in the

United States and places the contemporary banning of books within that history.

**Women's Issues in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*** - Claudia Durst Johnson 2011-03-16

This compelling edition presents a collection of essays on issues about women that are depicted in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*. The book examines Walker's life and influences and offers readers a series of essays for consideration on topics such as the revision of traditional gender roles and folk art as a means of survival. Readers are also offered contemporary perspectives on topics related to women's issues such as the impact of domestic violence and feminist ideology.

**Now Is the Time to Open Your Heart** - Alice Walker 2004-04-20

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Color Purple*, *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, and *The Temple of My Familiar* now gives us a beautiful new novel that is at once a deeply moving personal story and a powerful spiritual journey. In *Now Is the Time to Open Your Heart*, Alice Walker has created a work that ranks among her finest achievements: the story of a woman's spiritual adventure that becomes a passage through time, a quest for self, and a collision with love. Kate has always been a wanderer. A well-published author, married many times, she has lived a life rich with explorations of the natural world and the human soul. Now, at fifty-seven, she leaves her lover, Yolo, to embark on a new excursion, one that begins on the Colorado River, proceeds through the past, and flows, inexorably, into the future. As Yolo begins his own parallel voyage, Kate encounters celibates and lovers, shamans and snakes, memories of family disaster and marital discord, and emerges at a place where nothing remains but love. Told with the accessible style and deep feeling that are its author's hallmarks, *Now Is the Time to Open Your Heart* is Alice Walker's most surprising achievement.

[The Color Purple](#) - Allee Willis 2010-12-01

Musicals/Movies/Kids Piano Solos

**By the Light of My Father's Smile** - Alice Walker 2012-03-07

A family from the United States goes to the remote Sierras in Mexico--Susannah, the writer-to-be; her sister, Magdalena; and their father and mother. There, amid an endangered band of mixed-race blacks and Indians called the Mundo, they begin an encounter that will change them more than they could ever dream. Moving back and forth in time, and among unforgettable characters and their magical stories, Walker brilliantly explores the ways in which a woman's denied sexuality leads to the loss of the much prized and necessary original self--and how she regains that self, even as her family's past of lies and love is transformed. . . .

[The Color Purple, Alice Walker](#) - Neil McEwan 1998-01

Building on the formula of York Notes, this Advanced series introduces students to more sophisticated analysis and wider critical perspectives. The notes enable students to appreciate contrasting interpretations of the text and to develop their own critical thinking. Key features include: study methods; an introduction to the text; summaries with critical notes; themes and techniques; textual analysis of key passages; author biography; historical and literary background; modern and historical critical approaches; chronology; and glossary of literary terms.

**Possessing the Secret of Joy** - Alice Walker 2011-09-20

An American woman struggles with the genital mutilation she endured as a child in Africa in a New York Times bestseller "as compelling as *The Color Purple*" (San Francisco Chronicle). In Tashi's tribe, the Olinka, young girls undergo female genital mutilation as an initiation into the community. Tashi manages to avoid this fate at first, but when pressed by tribal leaders, she submits. Years later, married and living in America as Evelyn Johnson, Tashi's inner pain emerges. As she questions why such a terrifying, disfiguring sacrifice was required, she sorts through the many levels of subjugation with which she's been burdened over the years. In *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, Alice Walker exposes the abhorrent practice of female genital mutilation in an unforgettable, moving novel. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alice Walker including rare photos from the author's personal collection. *Possessing the Secret of Joy* is the 3rd book in the *Color Purple* Collection, which also includes *The Color Purple* and *The Temple of My Familiar*.

**In Search of the Dark Ages** - Michael Wood 2015-05-14

This edition of Michael Wood's groundbreaking first book explores the fascinating and mysterious centuries between the Romans and the Norman Conquest of 1066. *In Search of the Dark Ages* vividly conjures up some of the most famous names in British history, such as Queen Boadicea, leader of a terrible war of resistance against the Romans, and King Arthur, the 'once and future king', for whose riddle Wood proposes

a new and surprising solution. Here too, warts and all, are the Saxon, Viking and Norman kings who laid the political foundations of England - Offa of Mercia, Alfred the Great, Athelstan, and William the Conqueror, whose victory at Hastings in 1066 marked the end of Anglo-Saxon England. Reflecting recent historical, textual and archaeological research, this revised edition of Michael Wood's classic book overturns preconceptions of the Dark Ages as a shadowy and brutal era, showing them to be a richly exciting and formative period in the history of Britain. 'With *In Search of the Dark Ages*, Michael Wood wrote the book for history on TV.' The Times 'Michael Wood is the maker of some of the best TV documentaries ever made on history and archaeology.' Times Literary Supplement

**In Search of the Color Purple** - Salamishah Tillet 2022-01-18

From a superstar academic and cultural critic, an exploration of Alice Walker's critically acclaimed and controversial novel *The Color Purple* In 1982, Alice Walker made history when she became the first Black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for *The Color Purple*. But Walker's novel, which tells the story of a young girl in Jazz Age Georgia, received as much criticism as praise. It launched heated conversations about race, gender, language, and sexual violence that echo to today. In this gem-like examination of the novel, the film by Steven Spielberg, and the hit Broadway musical, prominent academic and activist Salamishah Tillet combines cultural criticism, history, and memoir to explore Walker's work and its lasting importance. Based on archival research and interviews with Walker, Oprah Winfrey, and Quincy Jones, among others, *In Search of The Color Purple* is a provocative and personal book, a bold debut from an important public intellectual.

**Racial and gender oppression in Alice Walker's "The Color Purple"** - Katharina Pangritz 2019-12-23

Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2016 im Fachbereich Anglistik - Literatur, Note: 3,0, Universität Rostock (Anglistik), Veranstaltung: Black History in America, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: "The Color Purple" is one of the first novels that deals in detail with the oppression of African-American women. On the one hand it has been the first book by a female African-American writer that received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and has until today been part of the canon of the African-American women's literature, but on the other hand it also has been criticized for the negative portrayal of men. In this term paper I want to analyze the intentions of the author Alice Walker to write about the theme of female oppression. At first I exemplify the two occurring forms of female oppression, sexism and racism, by the main characters of the novel. By regarding the numerous interviews Alice Walker has given concerning her writings and by regarding her biography, I will outline her intentions and determine whether she wrote about female oppression due to her own experiences with the theme or whether she had other motives.

**Hard Times Require Furious Dancing** - Alice Walker 2013-08-27

"I was born to grow, / alongside my garden of plants, / poems / like / this one" So writes Alice Walker in this new book of poems, poems composed over the course of one year in response to joy and sorrow both personal and global: the death of loved ones, war, the deliciousness of love, environmental devastation, the sorrow of rejection, greed, poverty, and the sweetness of home. The poems embrace our connections while celebrating the joy of individuality, the power we each share to express our truest, deepest selves. Beloved for her ability to speak her own truth in ways that speak for and about countless others, she demonstrates that we are stronger than our circumstances. As she confronts personal and collective challenges, her words dance, sing, and heal.

[The Temple of My Familiar](#) Alice Walker 2011-09-20

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Color Purple* weaves a "glorious and iridescent" tapestry of interrelated lives in this New York Times bestseller (Library Journal). In *The Temple of My Familiar*, Celie and Shug from *The Color Purple* subtly shadow the lives of dozens of characters, all dealing in some way with the legacy of the African experience in America. From recent African immigrants, to a woman who grew up in the mixed-race rainforest communities of South America, to Celie's own granddaughter living in modern-day San Francisco, all must come to understand the brutal stories of their ancestors to come to terms with their own troubled lives. As Walker follows these astonishing characters, she weaves a new mythology from old fables and history, a profoundly spiritual explanation for centuries of shared African-American experience. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alice Walker including rare photos from the author's personal collection. *The Temple of My Familiar* is the 2nd book in the *Color Purple* Collection, which also includes *The Color Purple* and *Possessing the Secret of Joy*.

### **The Color Purple Collection** - Alice Walker 2012-09-11

Three novels by a New York Times–bestselling author—including the Pulitzer Prizewinner *The Color Purple*—that speak to the African experience in America. *The Color Purple* is Alice Walker’s stunning, Pulitzer Prize–winning novel of courage in the face of oppression. Celie grows up in rural Georgia, navigating a childhood of ceaseless abuse. Not only is she poor and despised by the society around her, she’s badly treated by her family. As a teenager she begins writing letters directly to God in an attempt to transcend a life that often seems too much to bear. Her letters span twenty years and record a journey of self-discovery and empowerment through the guiding light of a few strong women and her own implacable will to find harmony with herself and her home. In *The Temple of My Familiar*, Celie and Shug from *The Color Purple* follow the lives of a brilliant cast of characters, all dealing in some way with the legacy of the African experience in America. From recent African immigrants, to a woman who grew up in the mixed-race rainforest communities of South America, to Celie’s own granddaughter living in modern-day San Francisco, all must come to understand the brutal stories of their ancestors to come to terms with their own troubled lives. *Possessing the Secret of Joy* portrays Tashi’s tribe, the Olinka, where young girls undergo genital mutilation as an initiation into the community. Tashi manages to avoid this fate at first, but when pressed by tribal leaders, she submits. Years later, married and living in America as Evelyn Johnson, Tashi’s inner pain emerges. As she questions why such a terrifying, disfiguring sacrifice was required, she sorts through the many levels of subjugation with which she’s been burdened over the years. Hailed by the *Washington Post* as “one of the best American writers of today,” Alice Walker is a master storyteller and a major voice in modern literary fiction.

### *The Color Purple* Alice Walker 1992

The lives of two sisters—Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man she hates—are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years

[A Study Guide for Alice Walker's The Color Purple](#) - Cengage Learning Gale 2017-07-25

A Study Guide for Alice Walker's "The Color Purple," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Novels for Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Novels for Students* for all of your research needs.

### [Alice Walker's The Color Purple](#) - Christopher Hubert 1996

Presents a guide to reading and understanding "The Color Purple," the story of two African-American sisters told through their letters to each other; featuring an introduction to the novel and its author, historical background, a list of characters, a plot summary, and letter summaries, analyses, and study questions.

### **In Search of The Color Purple** - Salamishah Tillet 2021-01-12

Mixing cultural criticism, literary history, biography, and memoir, an exploration of Alice Walker’s critically acclaimed and controversial novel, *The Color Purple* Alice Walker made history in 1983 when she became the first black woman to win the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for *The Color Purple*. Published in the Reagan era amid a severe backlash to civil rights, the Jazz Age novel tells the story of racial and gender inequality through the life of a 14-year-old girl from Georgia who is haunted by domestic and sexual violence. Prominent academic and activist Salamishah Tillet combines cultural criticism, history, and memoir to explore Walker’s epistolary novel and shows how it has influenced and been informed by the zeitgeist. *The Color Purple* received both praise and criticism upon publication, and the conversation it sparked around race and gender still continues today. It has been adapted for an Oscar-nominated film and a hit Broadway musical. Through archival research and interviews with Walker, Oprah Winfrey, and Quincy Jones (among others), Tillet studies Walker’s life and how themes of violence emerged in her earlier work. Reading *The Color Purple* at age 15 was a groundbreaking experience for Tillet. It continues to resonate with her—as a sexual violence survivor, as a teacher of the novel, and as an accomplished academic. Provocative and personal, *In Search of The Color Purple* is a bold work from an important public intellectual, and captures Alice Walker’s seminal role in rethinking sexuality, intersectional feminism, and racial and gender politics.