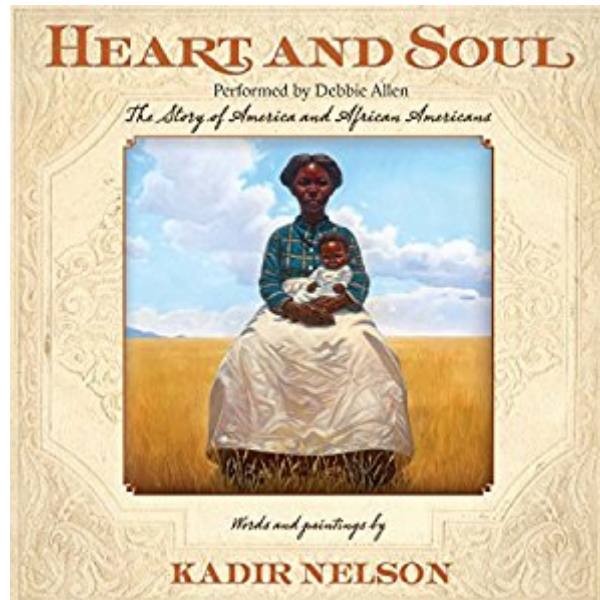




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Synopsis

The story of America and African Americans is a story of hope and inspiration and unwavering courage. But it is also the story of injustice; of a country divided by law, education, and wealth; of a people whose struggles and achievements helped define their country. Kadir Nelson, one of this generation's most accomplished, award-winning artists, has created an epic yet intimate introduction to the history of America and African Americans, from colonial days through the civil rights movement. Written in the voice of an "Everywoman," an unnamed narrator whose forebears came to this country on slave ships and who lived to cast her vote for the first African American president, *Heart and Soul* touches on some of the great transformative events and small victories of that history. This inspiring book demonstrates that in gaining their freedom and equal rights, African Americans helped our country achieve its promise of liberty and justice - the true heart and soul of our nation.

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Customer Reviews

Do you remember the kids books that you will simply never forget? For me it was always the pictures. If the pictures weren't good . . . the book wasn't good. *Curious George* . . . *Where the Wild Things Are* . . . *Dr. Seuss* . . . it's the pictures that grab you, then the story that holds you. This whole book is a work of art, without being artsy. The pictures are just astonishing. Really. This book would be worth buying even without words. I can't imagine the time put into it and wonder if some of the illustrations are part of larger exhibits, on a mural somewhere etc. I also like the personal folksy story telling tone - although it sometimes seems to have a southern accent and sometimes

doesn't. At 100 pages and 12 chapters it's not a one night bedtime story for young kids . . . But in my mind it is totally deserving of required reading status for say ages 8 through . . . 108?

This book is so simple that it's an easy read for young people trying to understand African American History... yet the illustrations can capture the eye of the young and old. I love this book. I have it in the living room, and everyone that opens it does not want to put it down.

Kadir Nelson's illustrations are perfection. His art work gives life to the history and contributions of African Americans in America. I purchased 32 copies of this book for members of a Girl Scout troop (ages 8 - 12) as a part of their Black History project. The girls loved the book and learned a great deal about some of most important people and events in history. The troop leaders and parents were fascinated with the book and wanted to know where to get additional copies. Although Nelson's gives a broad brush approach to three decades of African American history, this beautifully crafted book highlights significant events and is a wonderful introduction to the history African Americans in our country. I highly recommend Heart and Soul: The Story of American and African Americans to teachers, librarians and parents.

I purchased this book in 2011 after hearing the author interview on the radio. Finally got around to reading it to my kids this year 2014. I read it to my 10 y/o and 8 y/o. I normal routine is to read at bedtime. They did not want me to put this book down. They love this book and I do as well. It a book written on their level that tells the journey of African Americans from beginning to where we are today - from slavery to the Reconstruction era to Women's right to vote to Civil Rights Era to electing our first black President. My sons looked forward to reading this book every night. Their only disappointment was that the book had to end. I've been telling everyone in my circle that this is a must read!

What a beautifully illustrated book with images that appear to be so realistic. It really adds to the nature of the text, which provides a valuable overview of United States history and the lives of African Americans from the Revolutionary War era to the present day. This allows the reader to "travel back in time to find out about people, places and events from long ago" (Temple, Martinez, & Yokota, 2011, p. 360). The book is interesting as it gives several inspirational stories from real families and individuals that had an impact in shaping the history. The journey and progress of the African American culture is portrayed in a different nature then how most children learn about

history through textbooks, which I think gives this book great appeal!References:Nelson, K. (2011). Heart and soul: The story of America and African Americans. New York, NY: HarperCollins PublishersTemple, C., Martinez, M., & Yokota, J. (2011). Children's books in children's hands: An introduction to their literature. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.

This book was an incredible resource to expose my third grade students to the history of Black Americans. Reading the book aloud to my students inspired lots of deep, real and vulnerable conversations and discussions about slavery, civil rights, etc. Many of my students had never heard of some of the vital history discussed in this book.

My kids love to read, and this past summer we have dwelled into the current climate of the U.S and Black Anwrica, often times leaving me to figure out where to start. This book definately helps start that conversation and what better way to do it, with something they love--books!

Stunning!!! My only regret is not getting the hardback! I can't wait to share this with my family. It's a beautiful addition to our homeschool library!

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