

White as Silence, Red as Song: A Novel of Love, Loss, and Redemption

A sweeping and evocative novel that explores the power of love, the depths of loss, and the possibility of redemption. Set against the backdrop of the American Civil War, *White as Silence, Red as Song* follows the intertwined lives of two families—one white, one black—as they navigate the complexities of race, class, and the human heart.



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The story begins in the year 1861, as the United States is on the brink of civil war. In the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the wealthy and aristocratic Livingston family is preparing for the upcoming conflict. The family's patriarch, John Livingston, is a staunch supporter of the Union, while his wife, Sarah, is a devout Christian who believes that slavery is a sin. Their children, John Jr. and Mary, are both caught in the middle of their parents' conflicting beliefs.

Across town, the freed slave family of the Washingtons is also preparing for the war. The family's patriarch, Samuel Washington, is a former slave who has fought for his freedom. His wife, Elizabeth, is a devout Christian who

believes that all people are equal. Their children, Frederick and Harriet, are both eager to fight for the Union and end slavery.

As the war begins, the lives of the Livingston and Washington families become intertwined. John Jr. and Frederick meet on the battlefield and become friends. Mary and Harriet also become friends, despite the fact that their families are on opposite sides of the conflict. The two families are forced to confront the complexities of race and class, and the human cost of war.

White as Silence, Red as Song is a powerful and moving novel that explores the universal themes of love, loss, and redemption. Set against the backdrop of one of the most tumultuous periods in American history, the novel offers a poignant reminder of the power of the human spirit to overcome even the most difficult circumstances.

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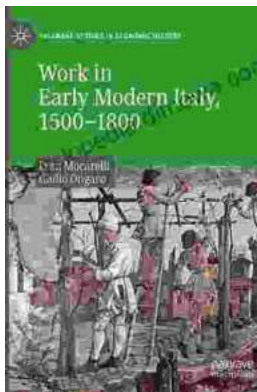
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