In Every Mirror She Black: A Novel that Reflects the Richness and Complexity of Black Identity

Lola Akinmade Åkerström's 'In Every Mirror She Black' is an unflinching and profoundly moving novel that explores the complexities of Black life and identity through the lives of three unforgettable Black women.

Set against the backdrop of contemporary Sweden and Nigeria, the novel follows Kemi, a young Nigerian woman who travels to Stockholm to escape an arranged marriage; Korede, a Swedish-Nigerian woman who struggles to reconcile her two cultures; and Adunni, a Nigerian-American woman who returns to her ancestral homeland in search of her roots.



In Every Mirror She's Black: A Novel

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As these three women navigate the challenges and triumphs of their lives, they confront issues of race, gender, and belonging. They grapple with the weight of societal expectations, the pain of loss, and the elusive quest for self-acceptance.

Kemi: A Journey of Self-Discovery and Resilience

Kemi's story is one of resilience and self-discovery. Having escaped an unwanted marriage in Nigeria, she finds herself in a foreign land where she must learn to navigate a new culture and forge a new life for herself. Along the way, she encounters both kindness and prejudice, and she must find the strength within herself to overcome the obstacles that stand in her path.

Through Kemi's journey, Åkerström explores the challenges faced by many African immigrants who leave their home countries in search of a better life. She delves into the complexities of cultural identity and the ways in which our past experiences shape who we are.

Korede: Finding a Sense of Belonging

Korede's story is a poignant exploration of identity and belonging. As a Swedish-Nigerian woman, she feels like an outsider in both worlds. She struggles to find her place in Swedish society, where she is often seen as too Black, and in Nigerian society, where she is seen as too Swedish.

Through Korede's journey, Åkerström examines the complexities of mixedrace identity and the challenges of finding a sense of belonging in a world that often categorizes people based on their race or ethnicity.

Adunni: A Search for Roots and Identity

Adunni's story is a quest for self-discovery and a search for her ancestral roots. As a Nigerian-American woman, she has always felt a disconnect

from her African heritage. She travels to Nigeria in hopes of finding a sense of belonging and a deeper understanding of who she is.

Through Adunni's journey, Åkerström explores the importance of knowing one's history and culture. She delves into the ways in which our past shapes our present and the ways in which our sense of identity is intertwined with our ancestral roots.

A Novel that Explores the Strength and Resilience of Black Women

'In Every Mirror She Black' is a novel that celebrates the strength and resilience of Black women. Through the lives of Kemi, Korede, and Adunni, Åkerström showcases the diverse experiences and perspectives of Black women in today's world.

The novel provides a nuanced and thought-provoking exploration of the challenges and triumphs that Black women face. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in contemporary African literature, women's literature, or stories that explore the complexities of race, gender, and identity.

Critical Acclaim for 'In Every Mirror She Black'

"Åkerström's novel is a powerful and moving exploration of the complexities of Black life and identity. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges and triumphs that Black women face in today's world." - **The New York Times**

"A beautifully written and deeply insightful novel that delves into the lives of three unforgettable Black women. Åkerström's writing is both lyrical and thought-provoking, and she creates characters that are both relatable and inspiring." - **The Guardian**

"In Every Mirror She Black is a stunning novel that explores the complexities of race, gender, and identity. Åkerström's writing is masterful, and she creates characters that are both complex and deeply human. This is a novel that will stay with me long after I finish reading it." - **NPR**

About the Author

Lola Akinmade Åkerström is a Swedish-Nigerian writer and journalist. She is the author of the novels 'In Every Mirror She Black' and 'The Jar of Souls,' as well as the memoir 'Ordinary Wonder: Finding Beauty in the Everyday.' Her work has been published in The New York Times, The Guardian, and NPR, among other publications.

Åkerström is a recipient of the Windham-Campbell Prize for Fiction and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Fiction. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Oxford.

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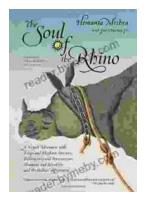
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