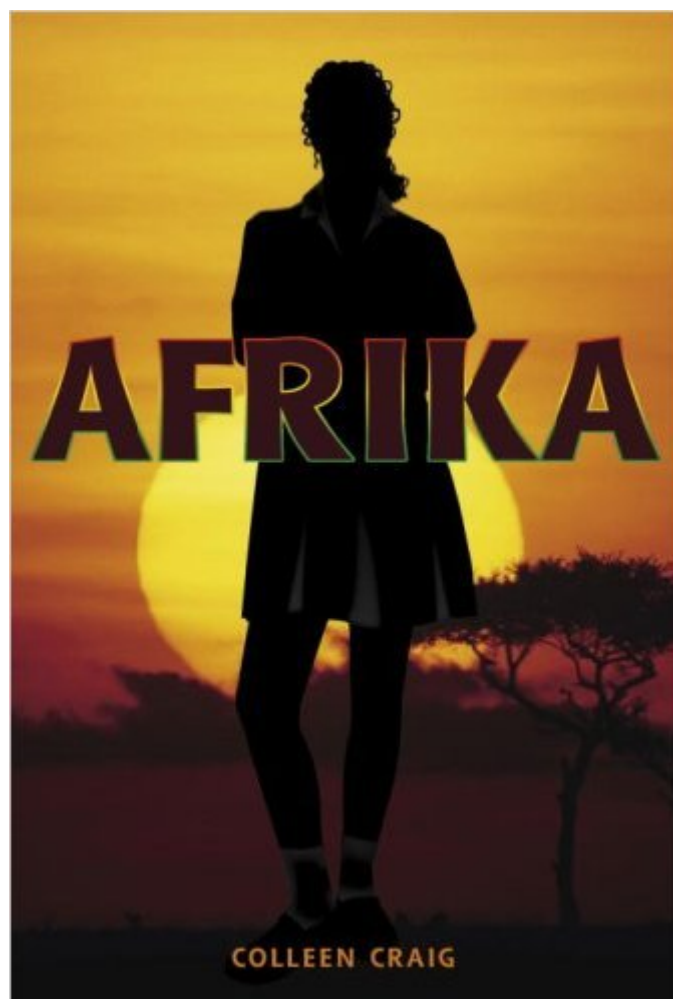


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Synopsis

For thirteen-year-old Kim, travel to South Africa with her journalist mother will mark the end of her childhood and the beginning of a remarkable journey. Expecting nothing more than three months in her mother's homeland, Kim comes to terms with the country's diverse and often shocking history. The Truth and Reconciliation Hearings in post-apartheid South Africa open her eyes to the tragedy and brutality of its segregationist policies. Kim's first meeting with her relatives, her contact with schoolmates and cousins, bring her face-to-face with the realization that she is not as removed from this powerful story as she thought. As her mother struggles with her past, Kim becomes more and more determined to unlock the secret that has always kept her from knowing her father. Helped by the young son of a long-time family servant, whose own father was a casualty of Apartheid history, Kim eventually unlocks her mystery and brings her mother and herself to their own truth and reconciliation. Layered and complex, this is a novel that raises questions and challenges beliefs.

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Craig did an excellent job of weaving together the details and the mystery of the main characters' lineage and the complexities of South Africa's brutal racist apartheid system. The story told through

the eyes of a Canadian born girl, Kim, and an African boy, Themba, who has experienced his own lost, pulls in the reader, so that we too experience the various nuances that impact all who are touched by the evil that apartheid condoned. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and highly recommend it!

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I had to read this book for a school project. I could hardly get through it. the only reason i bothered finishing it was because i had to for school. It was extremely boring with almost no plot line. for the school project i had to find the climax. i couldn't find it because the whole book was equally boring. hope this helps. :)

I am reading this with my son who has to read it for 7th grade. While he does not like it I do! And I am really having fun talking to him about it.

This was an interesting breath taking novel. Sometimes I cried about this book other times I laughed. All and all I love this book.

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