

Featured Author

Jacqueline Woodson








Jacqueline Woodson is an award winning author.

Her books explore issues of race, class, family, and gender.

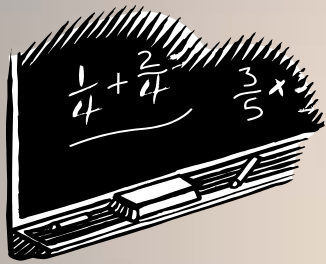
She is also a former drama therapist for New York City's runaway and homeless children.

Five

of her books have been nominated for
the Black-Eyed Susan Award

-  Last Summer with Maizon '93-'94
-  Maizon at Blue Hill '93-'94
-  If You Come Softly '01-'02
-  Miracle's Boys '02-'03
-  Hush '04-'05

“I used to tell people that I was
going to be...



a teacher,



a lawyer,



or hairdresser.”

“I wrote all the time.
I read all the time.”



"I wrote on everything and
everywhere..."

“...I wrote on paper bags and my shoes and denim binders.”



“I chalked stories across sidewalks and penciled tiny tales in notebook margins.”

“I loved and still love watching words
flower into sentences”

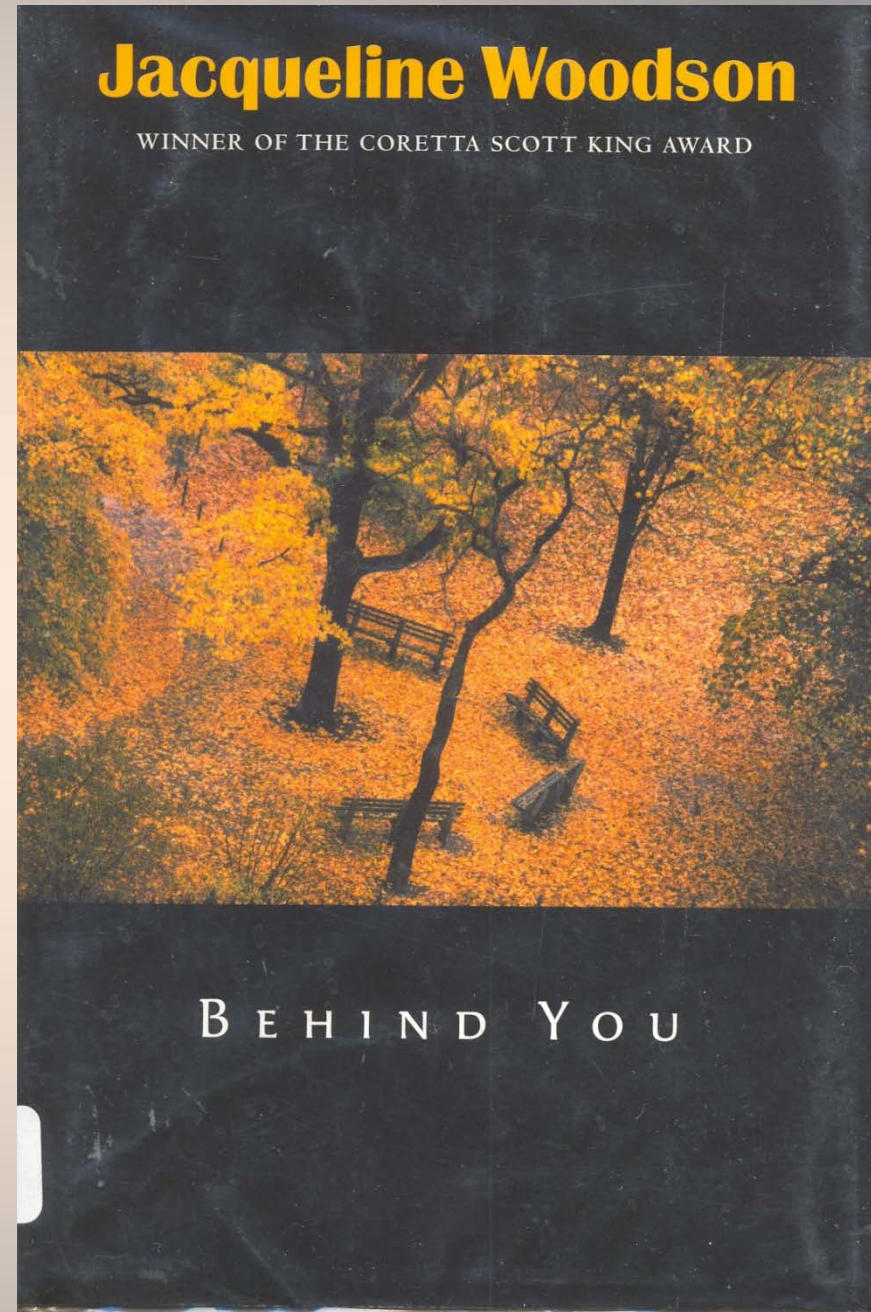


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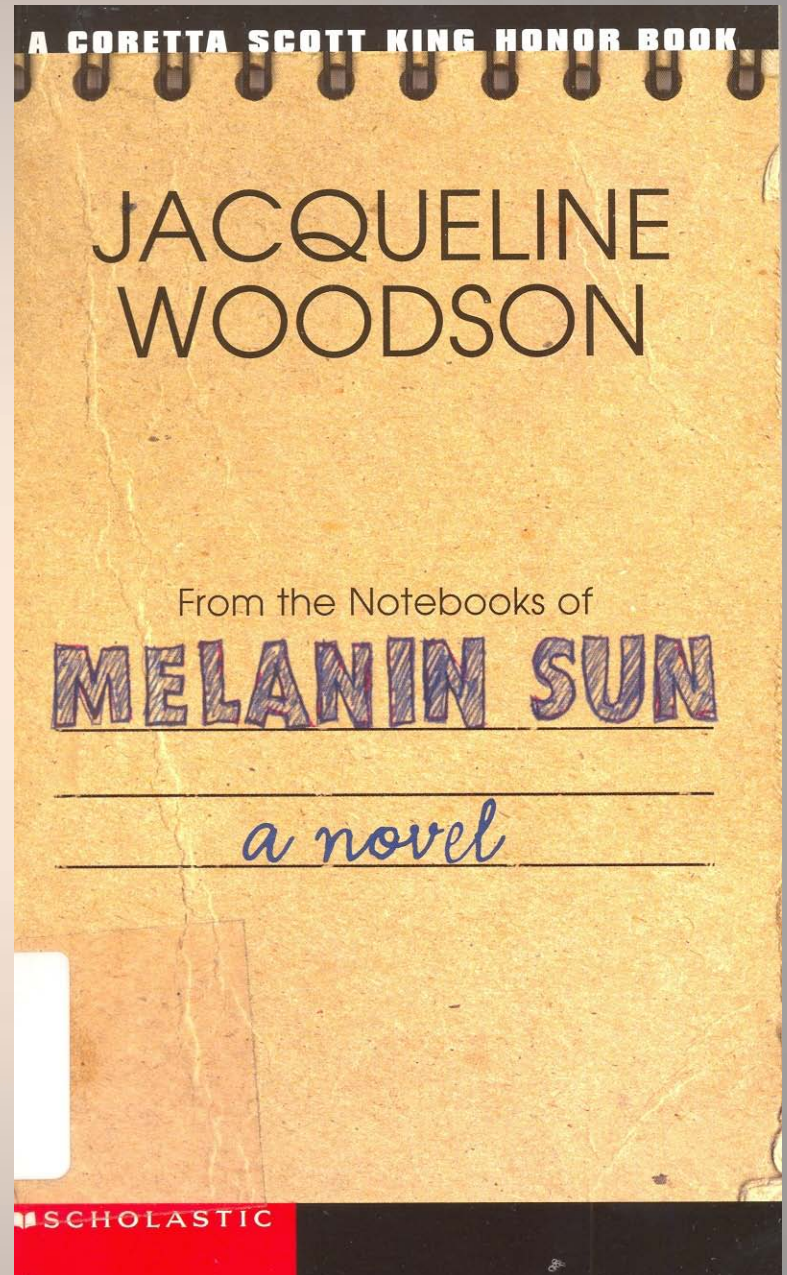
Behind You

- *2005 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers*
- *YALSA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults for 2005*
- *After fifteen-year-old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that 'Miah is watching over them.*



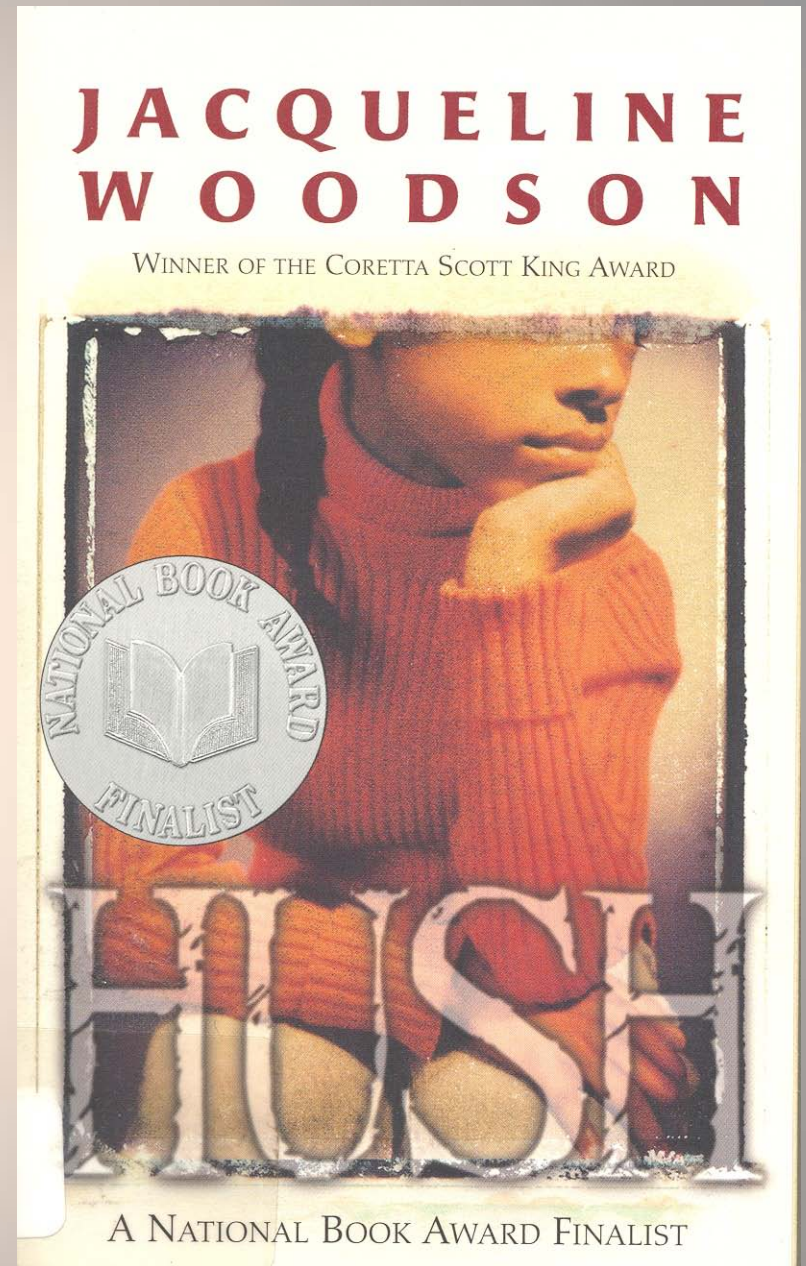
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun

- *Fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.*



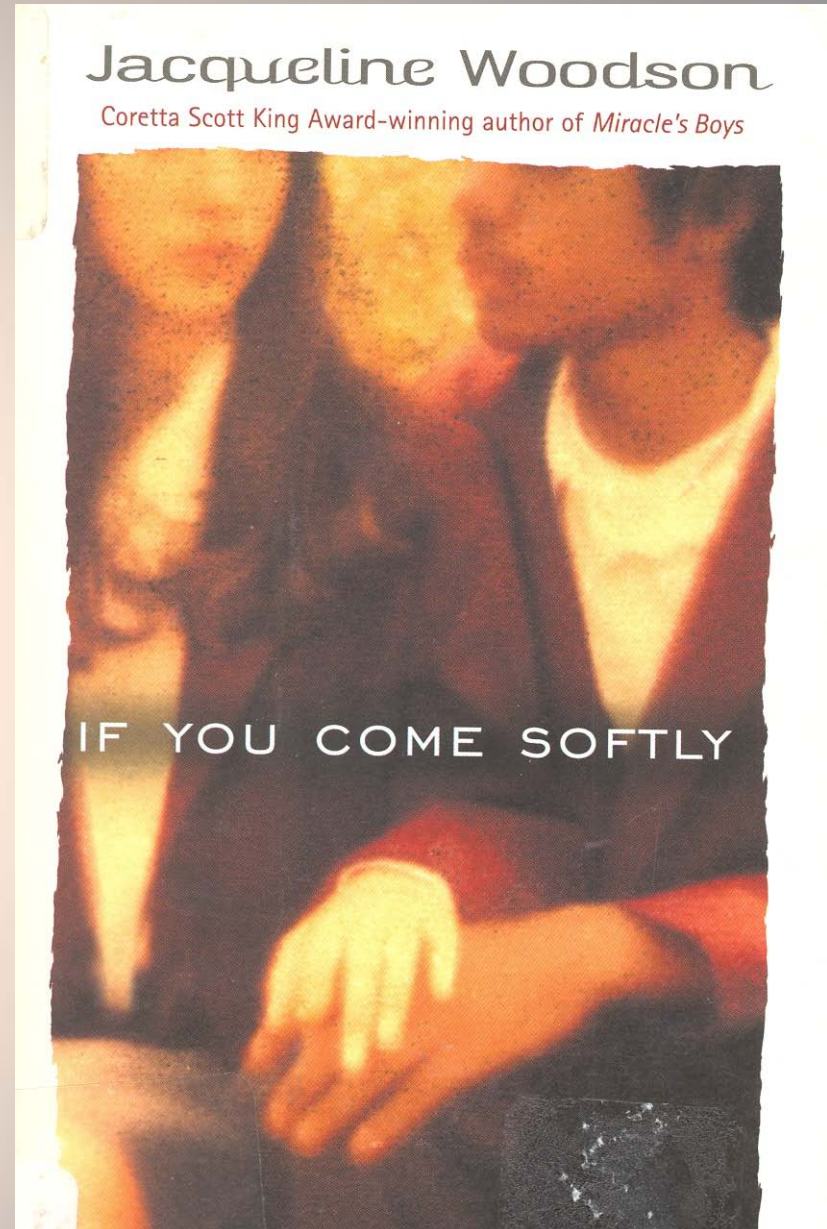
Hush

- *National Book Award nominee*
- *Black-Eyed Susan Nominee '04-'05*
- *Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.*



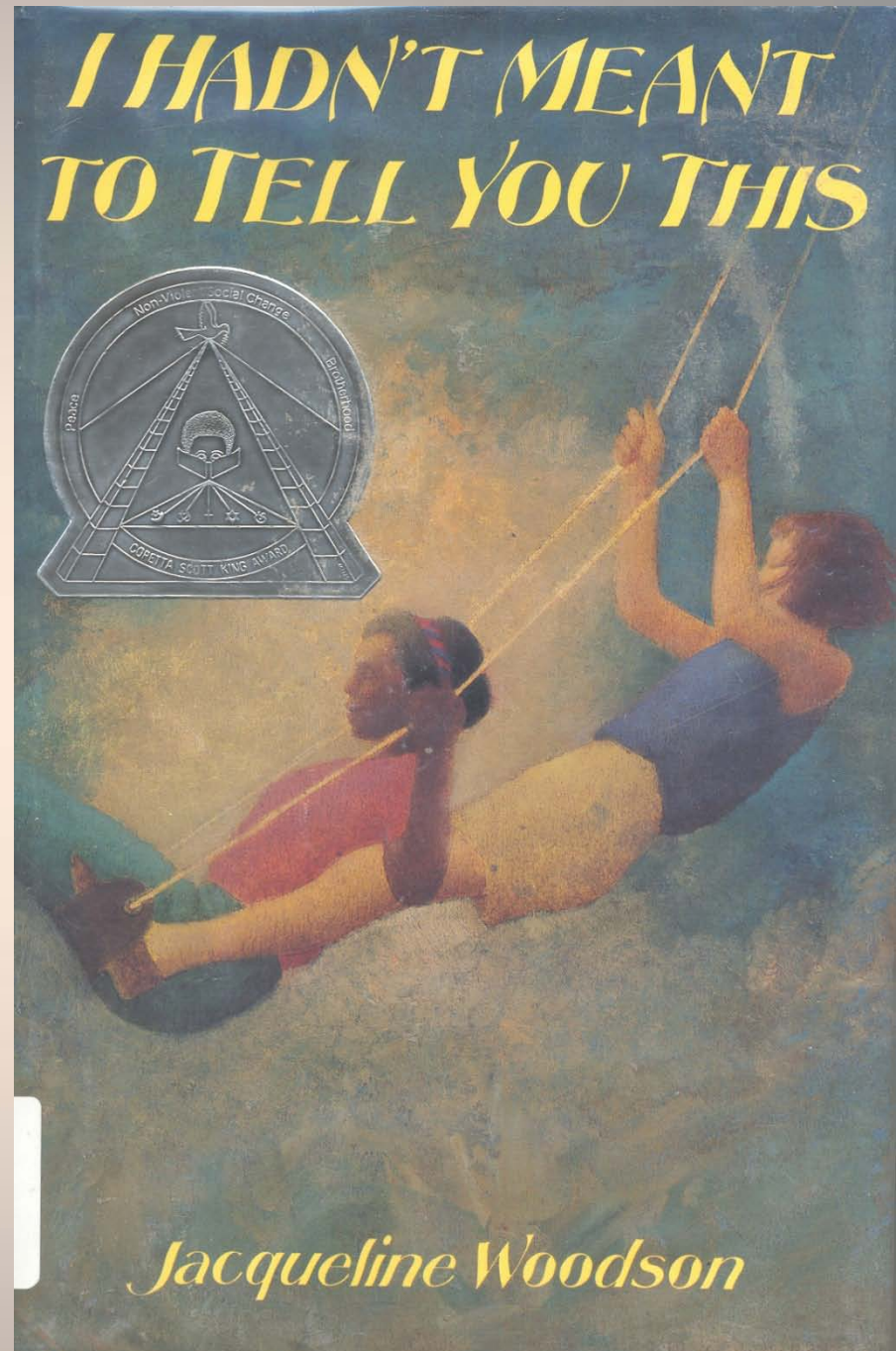
If You Come Softly

- *ALA Best Book for Young Adults*
- *Black-Eyed Susan Nominee '01-'02*
- *After meeting at their private school in New York, fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.*



I Hadn't Meant To Tell You This

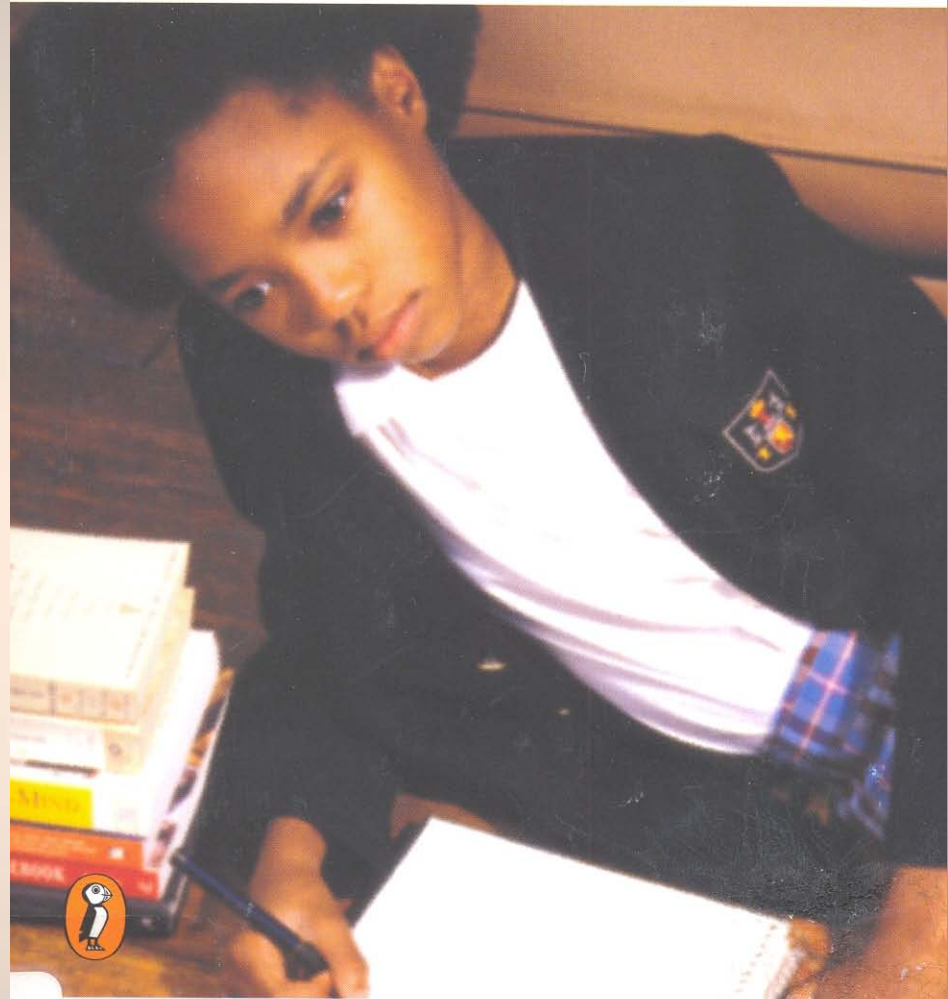
- *Margaret A. Edwards Award for Lifetime Achievement*
- *Marie, the only black girl in the eighth grade willing to befriend her white classmate Lena, discovers that Lena's father is doing horrible things to her in private.*



Maizon at Blue Hill

- *Black-Eyed Susan Nominee '93-'94*
- *After winning a scholarship to an academically challenging boarding school, Maizon finds herself one of only five blacks there and wonders if she will ever fit in.*

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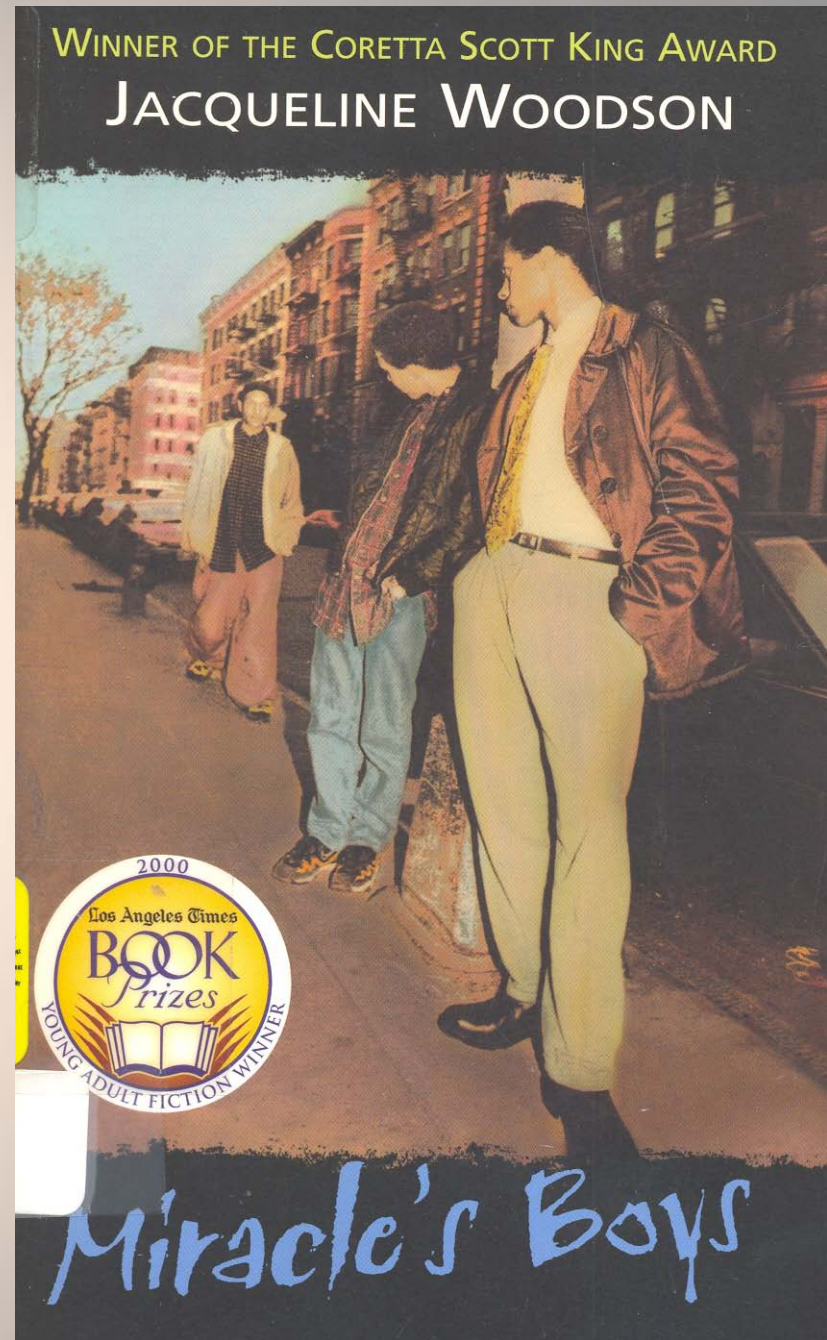


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Winner of the Coretta Scott King Award

Miracle's Boys

- *Coretta Scott King Award*
- *Black-Eyed Susan Nominee '02-'03*
- *Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.*



The House You Pass on the Way

- *Poetry, short stories, & essays*
- *When fourteen-year-old Staggerlee, the daughter of a racially mixed marriage, spends a summer with her cousin Trout, she begins to question her sexuality to Trout and catches a glimpse of her possible future self.*

