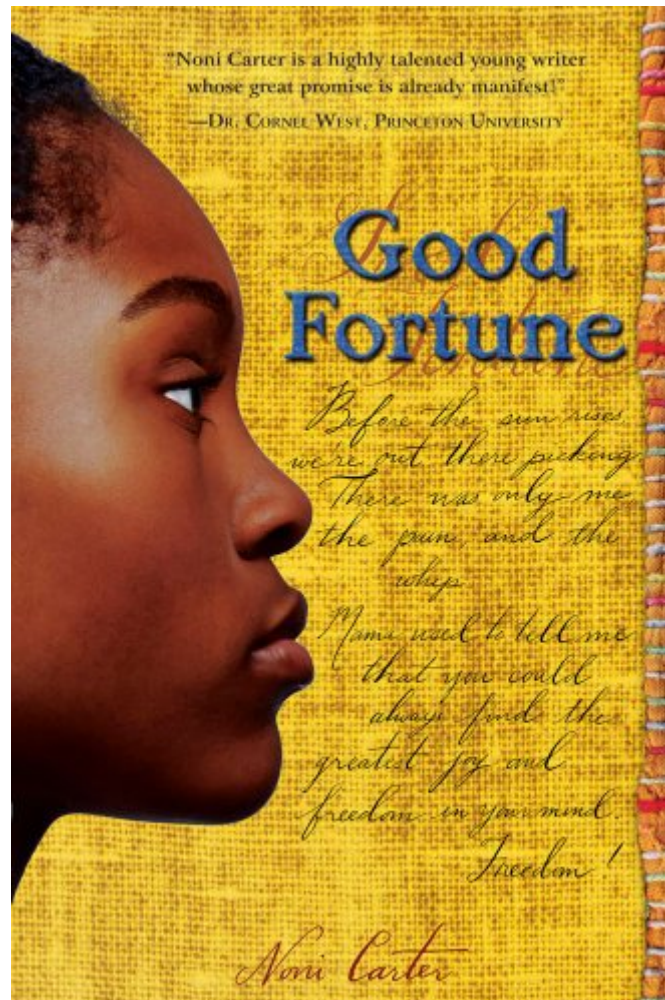


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# Good Fortune



## Synopsis

Ayanna Bahati lives in a small African village when she is brutally kidnapped, along with her mother and brother, and forced onto a slave ship to America. As Ayanna, renamed Anna, rises from the cotton fields to the master's house, she finds the familial love she's been yearning for but she is also faced with more threats to her survival. Risking everything to escape the plantation, Anna makes it to the North and to freedom, eventually settling in the free black community of Hadson, Ohio, and educating herself to become a teacher. A moving account from a compelling new storyteller.

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## Customer Reviews

Ayanna Bahati was born in Africa in 1807. But at just four years old, she is cruelly torn from her mother's arms as her mother is brutally murdered. Ayanna is then packed onto a slave ship bound for America. She is sold to a plantation in Tennessee, where her name is changed to Sarah. Sarah is taken under wing by a wise slave woman named Aunt Mary and raised alongside her son, Daniel. In all aspects other than blood, Mary and Daniel become Sarah's new mother and brother. Sarah falls into the backbreaking --- and spirit breaking --- routines of life on a plantation. And though she

suffers from reoccurring nightmares of her abduction in Africa and the torturous boat ride across the ocean, she doesn't recall much from her life before slavery. But she does remember two things: the precious gift of her mother's love, and the precious gift of freedom. Sarah starts out working in the fields but later on receives new orders to care for the master's two young children. In the days that follow, she listens as the kids recite their school lessons, and the seed of knowledge is planted: she begins to dream of getting an education. Slowly and secretly, Sarah consumes the lessons that the children practice, snatches bits and pieces overheard outside the school room window, and devotes what little free time she has to practice writing letters in the dirt. She even teaches herself to read. But this tiny sip of knowledge just makes her thirst for more. Then when Sarah is 14, she overhears Daniel making plans to escape. Sarah never forgot what freedom tasted like, and with the master's oldest son threatening Sarah with rape, now is the right time to run. They break free from the plantation and run for their lives towards freedom.

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