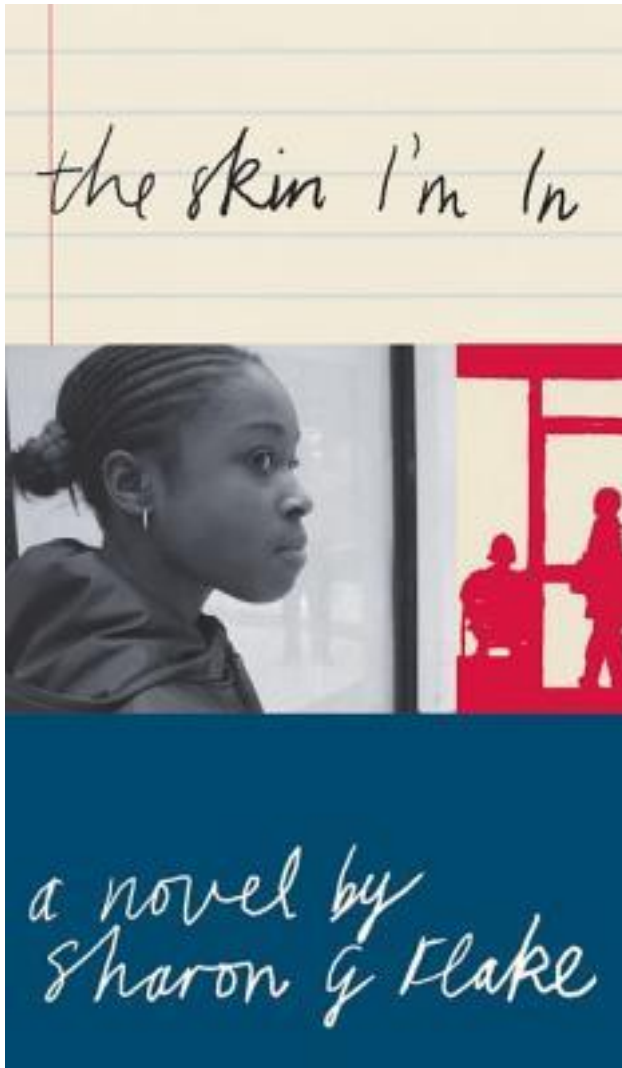

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The Skin I'm in



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Description

Maleeka suffers every day from the taunts of the other kids in her class. If they're not getting at her about her homemade clothes or her good grades, it's about her dark, black skin. When a new teacher, whose face is blotched with a startling white patch, starts at their school, Maleeka can see there is bound to be trouble for her too. But the new teacher's attitude surprises Maleeka. Miss Saunders loves the skin she's in. Can Maleeka learn to do the same?

Insightful reviews

Ljohnson: The title of this book is *The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake, and published on February 24, 1999. The genre of this book is romance, thriller, and historical fiction. *The Skin I'm In* received Coretta Scott / John Steptoe Award for new talent, Publishers Weekly, New York Public Library Top Ten Book for the Teen Age, YALSA Best Book for Young Adult Readers, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers, Texas Lonestar Reading List, Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year, YWCA Racial Justice Award, Detroit Free Library Author of the Year Award, and Starred Review in Publishers Weekly. In this book there is 176 pages. It took me about two days to finish it because it was so interesting I couldn't stop reading it. The main character is Maleeka. The setting of this book is in a school.

This book is taken place in the morning at a school. In the story the only good person that is in the book is Miss. Saunders. Maleeka biggest choice she has to make is if she will love and accept the skin she is in. The major conflict of this story about how Maleeka gets harassed every day about her skin. The people in her class treats her very wrong by calling her names because she is not the same color of everyone else.

Makiya Dees: If you like depressing beginnings and uplifting endings then *The skin I'm In* is the book for you. This book is realistic. This book is about a girl named Maleeka who gets picked on everyday about multiple things such as the darkness of her skin or her good grades or her clothing. ***SPOILER ALERT*** Maleeka and Miss Saunders start to get along better because they start to see eye to eye, even though Maleeka and Char almost burned down Ms. Saunders classroom. She didn't give them an extreme consequence and she didn't treat them any different!!!!

This book takes place mostly at McClenton Middle School. Maleeka got Nothing but straight A's and that's what they didn't like about her, she was smart and she couldn't help it. Maleek is a good girl but she tries to fit in with Charlese who's I wouldn't say a bad girl she's just a problem-child she doesn't have a mother they didn't say where her mother was or what happen to her and they never mentioned her father but yea Char is disrespectful towards the teachers and other adults and she skips classes. Maleeka borrows clothes from Char everyday because Char's sister buys all the new and up to day stuff for her while Maleeka's mother makes her

clothing.

I really liked how the Sharon G. Flake described the characters in the book very well, for example how she describe Miss Saunders. In the text it states, "Miss Saunders is as different as they come. First off, she got a man's. name, Michael. Now who ever heard of a woman named that? She's still tall and fat like nobody's business, and she's got the smallest feet I ever seen. Worse yet, she's got a giant white stain spread halfway across her face like somebody tossed acid on it or something." That help me picture and understand what miss Saunders looked like better.

A couple of different lessons I learned from this book is to pick and choose who you hang around, Be yourself don't change for anyone, you have to see the beauty in yourself because no one else will. Maleeka was very self-confident in herself she thought she was ugly and she thought she had to hang with Char fit in even though Char treated maleeka like she was invisible or she was a nobody or something.

I would Rate this book or shall I say I souls give this book 5 stars because this book was very interesting Drama story I felt that this story was very creative and that's why it was one of Sharon G. Flakes award winning books. In this book maleeka was a very smart bright and pretty girl but everybody else didn't think so and they made her feel/ think she was ugly and not pretty enough to have friends or even a boyfriend maleeka made some very bad decisions in the book such as smoking cigarettes or almost burning the classroom/school down. I would recommend this book to everyone that likes drama's and twists in a story. If you like depressing beginning and uplifting endings then this is the book for you.

Allendra: The book I read was called *The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake. This book is the story of a seventh grader named Maleeka. Maleeka has very dark black skin. She used to be proud of it, but when her father died, kids started picking on her. Char, the most popular girl in the grade, makes a deal with Maleeka that if she does her home work, Char will stick up for her, and Maleeka can hang out with her. A new teacher arrives, Miss Saunders. She also is made fun of because she has a big blotch on her face, which is a birthmark. Maleeka hangs along with Char, and ends up getting into trouble. As her punishment, Maleeka ends up having to work in the front office. Then, a boy named Caleb starts to like Maleeka. However, he all of a sudden stops talking to her because everyone is making fun of him. One day, Miss Saunders makes Char upset, so Char drags Maleeka along and they go to the school after hours, up to Miss Saunder's classroom. Char tricks Maleeka into lighting the room on fire and runs away, leaving poor Maleeka to get caught. Maleeka takes the blame at first, but then ends up telling on Char. In the end, Maleeka and Caleb are back together and Maleeka is friends with Miss Saunders. At the end of the book Maleeka says "I may be black and I may be ugly, but I love the skin I'm in and no one can ever change that". I think that this statement teaches a valuable lesson. The lesson is that you shouldn't get too caught up in what other people think of your appearance because they are wasting their lives "hating" on you while you are focused on making your life better. I would recommend this to students all over the world because it can teach them a very valuable lesson. I would also recommend this book to teachers that have ever been picked on. On a scale of 1-10 , I would probably give this book a 9 ½ .

Tawanda: the surface i am in is a pragmatic fiction. it's a complicated learn for readers 12-18 yrs old. The booklet has gained a number of awards. It has gained the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for brand spanking new Talent. it is a booklet a few lady named Maleeka who's a

sufferer of bullying. She is teased simply because her epidermis is darker than most folk and because the demise of her father her mom makes her outfits and she or he is teased approximately that as well. She ultimately takes a stand for herself after assembly a instructor named omit Saunders. leave out Saunders is worked up with the outside she's in and Maleeka quickly learns tips on how to suppose an analogous approach as well. i feel this can be a sturdy learn for younger girls. each person will be chuffed within the dermis their in. everyone seems to be diversified and noone will be handled in a different way or made to consider insecure approximately themselves. This ebook teaches approximately low selfesteem and overcoming it. It additionally touches on tips to care for bullying.

Lanier: students selected this e-book to go with "Othello" and issues of Othering, or objectifying and demeaning one other in an effort to believe enhanced or to abuse that different race, religion, intercourse or class. This, like "A baby known as It", through David Pelzer, is a vital learn for old and young alike. Pelzer's sequels are "The misplaced Boy" and "A guy Named Dave". Flake, like Walter Dean Myers, has a knack for bringing reasonable characters to existence in daily conflicts whereas suffering from deeper problems with self-esteem, discovering one's abilities and studying to face up and be heard.

Ms. Montañó: the outside i am In is a publication a few heart tuition woman named Maleeka Madison who's teased due to her darkish epidermis complexion. She is a truly clever pupil who works very challenging yet as a rule she is distracted simply because she's busy attempting to healthy in. Her mother is a unmarried mother who makes her outfits so Maleeka will get a lady named Char to convey her outfits to alter into. In trade for clothes, Maleeka does Char's homework and is a part of her trouble-making clan. even if she is mistreated via her classmates and her friends, the individual she such a lot hates is her instructor omit Saunders. omit Saunders is a well-dressed girl who left her task within the company global to come back train at Maleeka's school. She is a tricky girl who has excessive expectancies and calls for that her scholars do the work. The clash with leave out Saunders reaches a boiling aspect whilst Maleeka has to make a decision even if to do anything that hurts omit Saunders in order that she will slot in together with her pals or to eventually face up to them. Is it extra very important to maintain your mates or to be a decent person? Maleeka has to ultimately decide which can form her existence forever. I really suggest this booklet to any pupil who has felt different. Ultimately, everyone is varied so connecting with Maleeka will not be difficult. It used to be a truly quickly learn and a fascinating story. I supply it four out of five stars.

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