

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF SPIRIT RAN FREE

The story is about slavery in America. The great warrior, Prince Jaakeem and the beautiful Lyakenna of their West African tribe begins a dramatic experience where they are captured and through the middle passage from Africa to America. In America this young girl is faced with the cruelty of white people. She birthed Prince Jaakeem's son in Savannah, Georgia. At a slavery camp, she then realizes that her son and her have lived under slavery that is created by white people with their Mississippi law.

After surviving the slavery for twenty years, Lyakenna has taught her son Marcellus many things; to read, write and realize that they are not slaves but a free spirit. When Marcellus tries to teach his fellow slaves to write and read his master's son Jack Marceu does not allow him to teach and have the education. As a result of his disobedience as a slave, Marcellus often got punishment from Jack Marceu.

Marcellus often got into some really heated discussion with Master George about the basic ideal of freedom. He argues that slavery is the most atrocious act against human civil rights but Master George thinks that there is no law against Mississippi law. Marcellus feels that the law that is made by the white people does not make him as a human being because he has no rights to feel the freedom that is given by God for every human being.

In his quest for freedom for all his people, Michael Cartier who was his master befriends Marcellus. When Michael wants to free all his slaves and also Marcellus and his wife Joy, but the citizens of Mississippi forbid Michael to free all his slaves. Because the citizens of Mississippi consider that slaves are not part of American people; moreover, they are not considered as human beings.

BIOGRAPHY OF FOREST HAIRSTON

Forest hairston was born in Glen White, West Virginia. He was the son of a coal miner. During the turbulent PostWar migration from the south, his mother, Ruth Hairston, she was a single parent that had made a decision to move her eleven children from Beckley, West Virginia to Motor City, Detroit, Michigan, she hopes that it will give the positive opportunities for her children.

Forest Hairston was raised in Detroit, Michigan and he resides in Los Angeles, California. He has also written songs for Motown stars. In his novel Spirit Ran Free, he brings his personal experiences as an author and he is aware of the black history. He was a success as a songwriter, music producer, screenwriter and also he is a poet. His talent makes him a step further as a fine novelist.

During 1967, Forest Hairston was there in the streets during the famed Martin Luther King marches. Even more recently, he was there during the social distemper that happened in Los Angeles, California. He also got the National Book Critics Circle Award for his book Spirit Ran Free.