

APPENDICES

Summary of Sula

Set in early 1900s in a small Ohio town called Medallion. Sula comes from a controversial family. Eva, her grandmother, who cut off her own leg in order to get insurance policy to feed her children, but she also killed her own drunken son. Hannah, Sula's mother, is known in Bottom for her affairs with many married men. Sula becomes a very independent woman and wants to be different from other common women because of it. When common women are forbidden to have a high education, Sula dares to explore her knowledge in college. Sula has a best friend named Nel; they become friends since they were children. Nel grows up in a disciplined and a well-mannered family. Her politeness makes people adore Nel. Their friendship grows stronger although they come from a different family background.

After finishing high school, Nel chooses to get married and settles into the conventional role of wife and mother. But Sula chooses to continue her controversial life, including with her decision not to marry. Because Sula does not like Nel's choice to marry, shortly after Nel's wedding, Sula leaves Bottom.

After the absence of ten years, Sula returns to Bottom looking like a movie star. When Nel meets Sula, she finds that Sula has not changed. Sula still wants to be an independent woman, who can freely choose her own way of life. But Sula misuses Nel's trust. One day Nel finds Sula and her husband in bed together. Nel is very sad and disappointed. And Nel does not want to know anything about Sula anymore. Nel leaves her husband and Sula.

Later on Sula gets sick seriously and Nel comes to see her. Nel tells her disappointment to Sula. Nel blames Sula for losing her husband, and she does not agree if Sula still sticks on her individual concept. Nel tells Sula how ruined her life is now after Sula's having an affair with Jude. And after Sula dies, no one attends to her funeral ceremony. Nel decides to have a new life in a new place.

Biography of Toni Morrison

Toni Morrison was born Chloe Anthony Wofford in Lorain, Ohio on February 18, 1931. She was the second daughter of four children of Ramah and George Wofford. She has showed her interest in literature since she was a little girl. Chloe changed her name since many people couldn't pronounce her first name correctly. She changed it into Toni, a shortened version of her middle name.

Toni Morrison graduated from Howard University in 1953 with B.A. in English literature. She got her master's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. After she received her master degree, she is back to Howard University, where she met Harold Morrison, who later became her husband.

She has also worked as an editor for Random House. She was also a critic and gave numerous public lectures, specializing in African-American literature. In 1970 her book, The Bluest Eye was published. And her second book, entitled Sula was released in 1973. Her third novel Song of Solomon in 1977, won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Award. After that, she also released her fourth novel, entitled Tar Baby in 1981. Her fifth novel, Beloved, was published in 1987 and became a bestseller. This novel made her won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1988.