

## APPENDICES

### **Synopsis of Dorothy Allison's *Bastard Out of Carolina***

This novel is written from the perspective of Bone, young daughter of one of the dirt-poor Boatwrights, White Trash family of Greenville County, South Carolina. Bones is a young girl who lives with her mother, Anney, who works as a waitress and her numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Since her birth, she has no birth certificate because of her fatherless child (she does not know who her true father is). However, her mother always struggles for her daughter's certificate, and she also works hard for living her daughters. Then she tries to find the most suitable father for her daughters.

Bone has no friend in everywhere, because everybody always humiliates her and her family because of her people, they are White Trash people. However, Bone and her mother Anney never give up, on the contrary, they always try to do the best as well as they can. They do not want to be considered as thieves and bastard like everybody has stamped it to their people. At last her mother, Anney, succeeds to get the birth certificate for Bone. After that Bone lives with her aunts and wants to be like her mother who can always face all kinds of bastard in her life.

## **Biography of Dorothy Allison**

Dorothy Allison was born in Greenville, South Carolina in 1949. After leaving South Carolina, Allison studied at Florida Presbyterian College on a National Merit Scholarship. Then she continued by joining a feminist collective, which involves in the radical movement of women in the early of 1970. When reconciling with her mother and sisters, she took a distance from her family until 1981.

Dorothy Allison is a feminist and also lesbian who lived in a poor family. She knows well about how the marginalized groups try to defend their right.

Dorothy Allison began her career as an author on 1983. She composed her first poetry book, *The Women Who Hate Me*. Then, she published *Trash*, the short stories collection which was published by small lesbian presses and alternative magazines. On this work, Allison won two Lambda Literary Awards.

However, the first work which Allison received mainstream acclaim is her novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*. This novel very much depicts the life of Dorothy Allison. In 1998, Allison published her latest novel, *Cave Dweller*, the story about a woman who abandons her children in looking for career as a rock singer and searching for redemption and forgiveness.