

# MAGNOLIA FLOWER



*Easy Reader*

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## Book Summary:

A runaway slave and Native American fall in love in a time of turmoil in the United States of America.

## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains slavery and oppression commentary.

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7	"Long ago, humans who were pale of skin held a dark race of humans in bondage. The dark ones cried out in sorrow and woe. Not here in my country. Farther north."
10	"He gathered stones and metals and built a big house. Soon a whole village of runaways hid out over here. They were called Maroons. They lived on an island of freedom in a vast sea of slavery."
11	"Bently married Swift Deer, a Cherokee woman who had fled her own trail of tears."
23	"This all happened more than forty years ago, as humans reckon time," River said. "Magnolia Flower has passed from the hearts of people who knew her. Bently and Swift Deer died. Freedom for Black and Native people died too. The tide brought all their tears to me."
31	<p>Since the arrival of European settlers, Native peoples have been fighting for the lands of their ancestors, and enslaved Africans have been fighting to be free. White enslavers- and the United States- grew very rich forcing Black people to work without any pay on land taken from Native peoples. But some Black people (like Bentley) ran away from this bondage.</p> <p>...In the 1830s, the US government forced about one hundred thousand Native peoples in the southeast to relocate west of the Mississippi River to make way for more slavery. Thousands of Native people died during this long and hard "Trail of Tears."</p> <p>Beginning in 1861, many people also died during the Civil War over slavery. Slavery ended in 1865 as the war ended.</p> <p>...Freedom was fleeting, though. But where there is oppression there is resistance.</p>