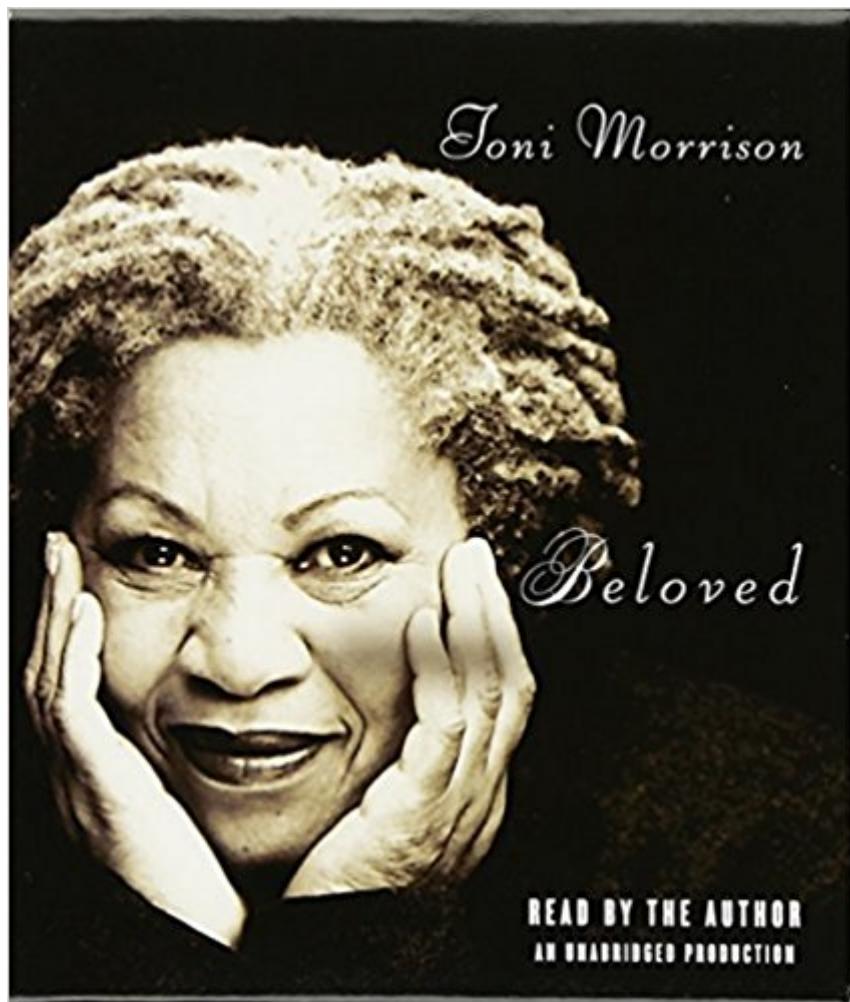


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# Beloved



## Synopsis

Staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding audio transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby. Sethe, its protagonist, was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. And Sethe's new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved. Filled with bitter poetry and suspense as taut as a rope, Beloved is a towering achievement.

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## Customer Reviews

As with the ghost at its center, Beloved has taken many forms--from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel to Oprah Winfrey's decade-in-the-making movie to this challenging audiobook read by Lynn Whitfield, who won an Emmy Award playing the title role in The Josephine Baker Story, has a tough assignment as she guides us back and forth in time with Sethe, an escaped slave who's still shackled by memories of her murdered child. But, as we shift between Sethe's brutal plantation days and her haunted life immediately after the Civil War, we learn one secret after another until, finally, past and present are masterfully reconciled. (Running time: three hours, two cassettes) --Kimberly Heinrichs --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Set in post-Civil War Ohio, this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel concerns a runaway slave and her daughter, whose lives are disrupted by a former slave, a spirit and a woman named Beloved.

According to PW, this "brilliantly conceived story . . . should not be missed." Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Somewhat difficult read, but beautiful writing, very descriptive. A lot of it needs to be reread because it makes you think about what she is really saying. The period in our nation's history that she describes is incredibly recent and is something we need to make a greater effort to come to terms with.

This novel is sometimes creepy, sometimes nostalgic, and often times sad. Some of the parts made me cringe...especially the parts where the narrator told me how bad the "slaves" were treated. It was really enjoyable though!

An amazing ability to write from the minds of the characters experiences and lay bare the end at the begining with the introduction of other character experiences intertwined with the resulting outcome of life at one point in time. The switching and changing from one individuals thoughts and experiences to another in a fleeting paragraph was hard to keep up with. Powerfully emotive. Toni.....how are you able to express this intensity of feeling with no first hand experience? you are spiritual magic. Thank you for your gift.

Great novel. A little difficult to understand at some points, but worth the read.

This book is a horror book. The first chapter start off as a violent ghost haunting the house and the family. The good point is that it outline the true horror of slavery during the Reign of Terror. This wouldn't be my first choice to read because it is a reading requirement for my writing class.

Something of a ghost story. It revolves around the lives of some escaped slaves living in southern Ohio. A mother and child live in a haunted house and are visited by an old friend (male) who moves in causing the "ghost" to disappear. Only the ghost returns in the flesh. How they deal with the situation and the background behind this ghost is what the story is about. Well done mystery.

There were parts of this book in which I was thoroughly enmeshed in the plot. However, there were many parts I had a very difficult time following due to the fact that the author constantly jumps back and forth between temporal planes.

I've read this book three times, so far, and I understand and appreciate it on different levels each time I read it. Toni Morrison's writing is masterful; her characters broke my heart. This is the story about our country's shame at the end of the Civil War, and how a group of "colored people" dealt with the shame that should never have been theirs.I highly recommend this book to every colored or white person in this country..

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