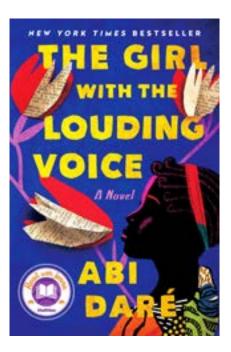


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ABOUT THE BOOK

• Coming of age novel about the struggles of a Nigerian girl and in spite of her poverty and lack of education she learns to speak up for herself.

SETTING:

- Ikati where Adunni is from
- Lagos where Adunni moves to after escaping Morufu

THEMES

- Family
- Hardships
- Human trafficking
- Child labor

MAIN CHARACTERS

- Adunni main character
- Kayus Adunni's younger brother
- Born-Boy Adunni's older brother
- Morufu husband

- Enitan friend who wants to do her makeup/clothes
- Big Madam Employer in Lagos
- Big Daddy husband of Big Madam
- Ms Tia neighbor to Big Madam, friend of Adunni
- Labake 1st wife of Morufu
- Khadija 2nd wife of Morufu
- Bamidele father of Khadija's baby
- Rebecca previous housemaid that went missing

THINGS I LOVED ABOUT THIS BOOK

• I love a character who overcomes hardship. A woman with resilience is a force.

• I love Aduni's spirit. She is fierce and determined but also so full of joy even in the midst of horrific circumstances. Somehow she knows that she is worthy of being treated better.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- What were some memorable scenes?
- I am curious to know how this book made you feel?
- What was the hardest scene for you to read?

• This book has some really great antagonists... Aduni's father, Big Madam, Big Daddy... Which character did you hate the most?

MEMORABLE SCENES

• In the beginning when Adunni's mother tells her the importance of having an education. She says "your schooling is your voice, child."

- When Adunni tries to seek justice for Khadija
- When Kayus lied to help Adunni escape
- When Kofi told her about the scholarship.
- When Ms. Tia helps her at the party
- When Ms Tia took her to the market

• When Big Madam tell Adunni not to give up on her dreams after taking her to her shop.

- The maids go to a different service for church.
- When Big Madam a put a lock on Adunni's door.
- When Mrs. Tia gives Adunni the scarf instead of the newspaper to cover their heads.
- When Ms. Tia and the doctor's mothers went to visit the priest.
- Adunni getting the letter found from Rebecca
- When Big Madam finds out about Caroline and Big Daddy
- The mediation between Big Madam and Big Daddy with the police man
- Text from Tia about getting the scholarship