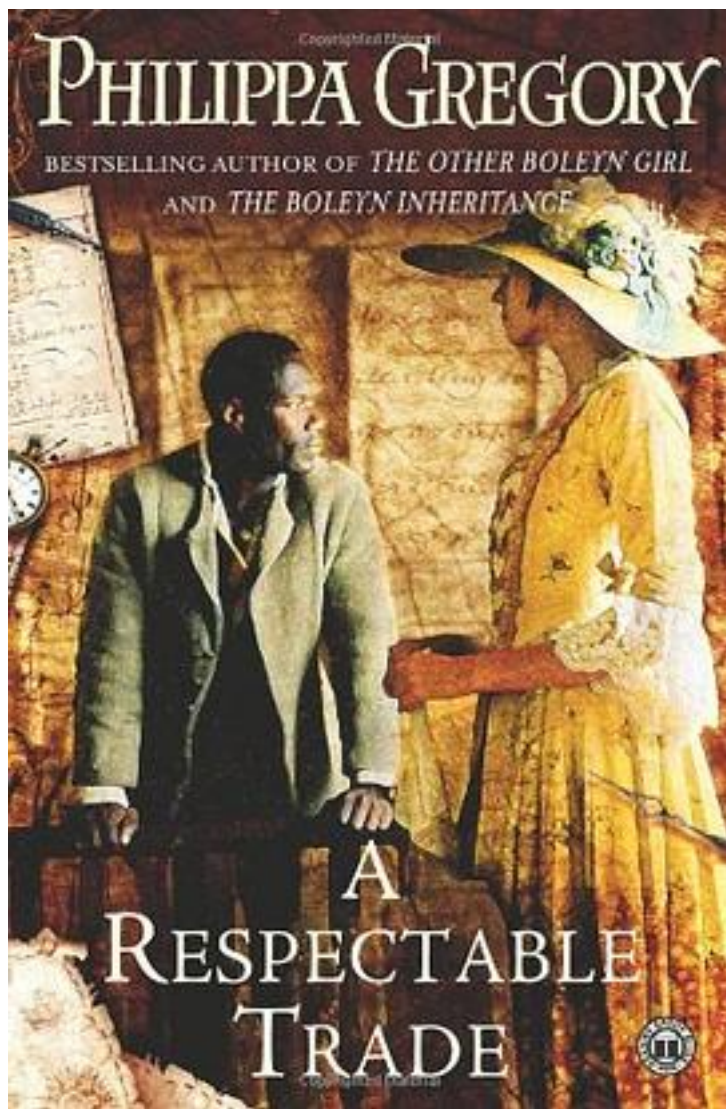


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Bristol in 1787 is booming, a city where power beckons those who dare to take risks. Josiah Cole, a small dockside trader, is prepared to gamble everything to join the big players of the city. But he needs capital and a well-connected wife. Marriage to Frances Scott is a mutually convenient solution. Trading her social contacts for Josiah's protection, Frances finds her life and fortune dependent on the respectable trade of sugar, rum, and slaves. Into her new world comes Mehuru, once a priest in the ancient African kingdom of Yoruba, now a slave in England. From opposite ends of the earth, despite the difference in status, Mehuru and Frances confront each other and their need for love and liberty.

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评论

小说主要讲述了殖民时期万恶的奴隶贩卖以及奴隶的悲惨遭遇。小说以Josiah和Frances的交易婚姻为主线，描写了Josiah所进行的奴隶贸易。Frances爱上了奴隶Mehuru,并最终意识到奴隶交易的罪恶并给予她所培训的奴隶们自由。如果不是因为爱，懦弱如她，不可能最终真正反抗这个她所讨厌的交易。Frances一直被那个时代的淑女教育所束缚，在即将离开人世的时候才真正解脱了。

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