

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears



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A literary debut hailed by The New York Times Book Review as "a great American novel." Awards Include: Finalist for the Young Lions Fiction Award Finalist for the "Los Angeles Times" Book Prize for First Fiction Winner of the Guardian First Book Prize "New York Times" Notable Book Winner of the National Book Foundation's a5 Under 35a Award Recipient of a Lannan Literary Fellowship Winner of the Prix du Premier Roman Named the Seattle Reads Selection of 2008 Seventeen years ago, Sepha Stephanos fled the Ethiopian Revolution for a new start in the United States. Now he finds himself running a failing grocery store in a poor African-American section of Washington, D.C., his only companions two fellow African immigrants who share his bitter nostalgia and longing for his home continent. Years ago and worlds away Sepha

could never have imagined a life of such isolation. As his environment begins to change, hope comes in the form of a friendship with new neighbors Judith and Naomi, a white woman and her biracial daughter. But when a series of racial incidents disturbs the community, Sepha may lose everything all over again.

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subtle 但是同一本书涉及话题太多 American Dreams, dislocation, gentrification, racism, social class看的有点杂

Flow很棒描写很细致。

一个埃塞移民的“美国梦”故事，在异国他乡，仇恨、恐惧和孤独都化为虚无，只有爱和希望的影子在破败的街角忽隐忽现。很容易跟去年大热的Americanah联系起来，主角都是高度自觉和敏感的非洲知识分子，只不过有性别差异：他们都在不断地奋斗、经历挫折、自我怀疑，他们都尝试去融入、去理解、去爱，但这一本明显比Americanah更现实，更悲观。

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