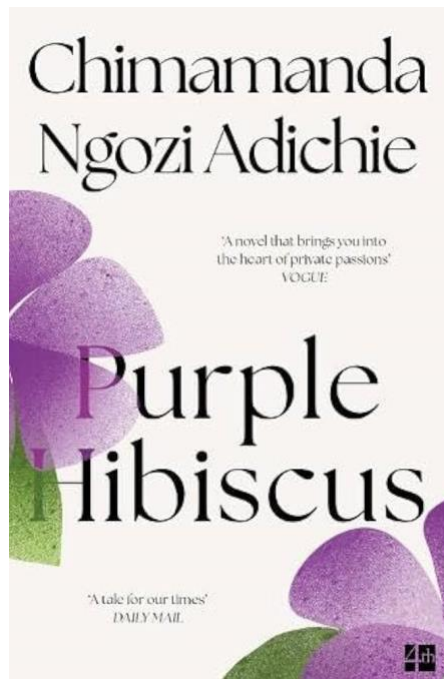


Book Talk

Purple Hibiscus

By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Number of pages: 336



Purple Hibiscus follows 15 year-old Kambili as she navigates living in a household in Nigeria that is dominated by extreme religion and violence.

Kambili is desperate for love and approval from her father Eugene, who is a fanatical Catholic and a violent man. But when Kambili and her brother Jaja go to stay with their Auntie Ifeoma, whose warm and caring nature shows them a different way of living and engaging with religion, they begin to reject the life they have with their father and find the courage to try to change it.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie or *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of the relationship between Kambili and Jaja?
2. What do you think the purple hibiscus flower represents in this story?
3. Why do you think Eugene rejected traditional Igbo beliefs and turned to Catholicism?
4. In what way do you think the abuse Jaja and Kambili experience shapes each of their personalities?
5. Why do you think Beatrice's ceramic figurines are so important to her?

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