

My Soul to Keep: African Immortals

My Soul to Keep: African Immortals is a 1997 novel by Tananarive Due. The novel follows the story of Dana, a young woman who is haunted by the ghosts of her ancestors. The novel explores themes of identity, reincarnation, and the nature of the soul.



My Soul to Keep (African Immortals series Book 1)

by Tananarive Due

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language : English
File size : 705 KB
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Screen Reader : Supported
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
Word Wise : Enabled
Print length : 355 pages



My Soul to Keep was a critical and commercial success, and it has been praised for its portrayal of African mythology and its exploration of complex themes. The novel has been adapted into a television series, and it has been translated into several languages.

Plot

Dana is a young African American woman who is haunted by the ghosts of her ancestors. The ghosts are all different ages and races, and they all have different stories to tell. Dana is initially terrified of the ghosts, but she eventually comes to accept them and to learn from them.

The ghosts help Dana to understand her own identity and her place in the world. They teach her about the history of Africa and the African diaspora, and they help her to connect with her own African heritage. Dana also learns about the nature of the soul and the afterlife. She comes to believe that the soul is immortal, and that it is reborn after death.

Characters

* Dana: The protagonist of the novel, Dana is a young African American woman who is haunted by the ghosts of her ancestors. * The ancestors: The ghosts who haunt Dana are all different ages and races, and they all have different stories to tell. * Ahmose: A young Egyptian prince who was killed by his brother. * Ayana: A young African woman who was sold into slavery. * Frederick: A slave who fought for his freedom in the American Civil War. * Mama Yaya: A wise old woman who helps Dana to understand her own identity and the nature of the soul.

Themes

* Identity: *My Soul to Keep* explores the theme of identity, both personal and cultural. Dana is haunted by the ghosts of her ancestors, and she must come to terms with her own identity and her place in the world. *

Reincarnation: The novel also explores the theme of reincarnation. Dana learns that the soul is immortal, and that it is reborn after death. *

The nature of the soul: *My Soul to Keep* also explores the nature of the soul. Dana learns that the soul is more than just a physical body, and that it is capable of great love and compassion.

Critical reception

My Soul to Keep was a critical and commercial success. The novel was praised for its portrayal of African mythology and its exploration of complex themes. The novel was nominated for several awards, and it won the American Book Award.

Adaptations

My Soul to Keep has been adapted into a television series. The series aired on the UPN network from 2004 to 2005. The series was canceled after one season.

Legacy

My Soul to Keep is a groundbreaking novel that has had a lasting impact on African American literature. The novel has been praised for its portrayal of African mythology and its exploration of complex themes. The novel has also been credited with helping to increase awareness of African American history and culture.

My Soul to Keep: African Immortals is a powerful and moving novel that explores the themes of identity, reincarnation, and the nature of the soul. The novel is a must-read for anyone who is interested in African American literature or in African mythology.



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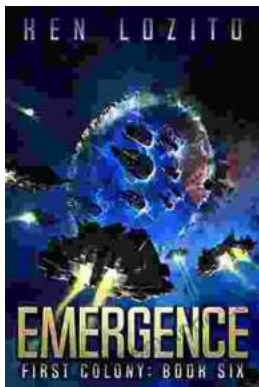
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