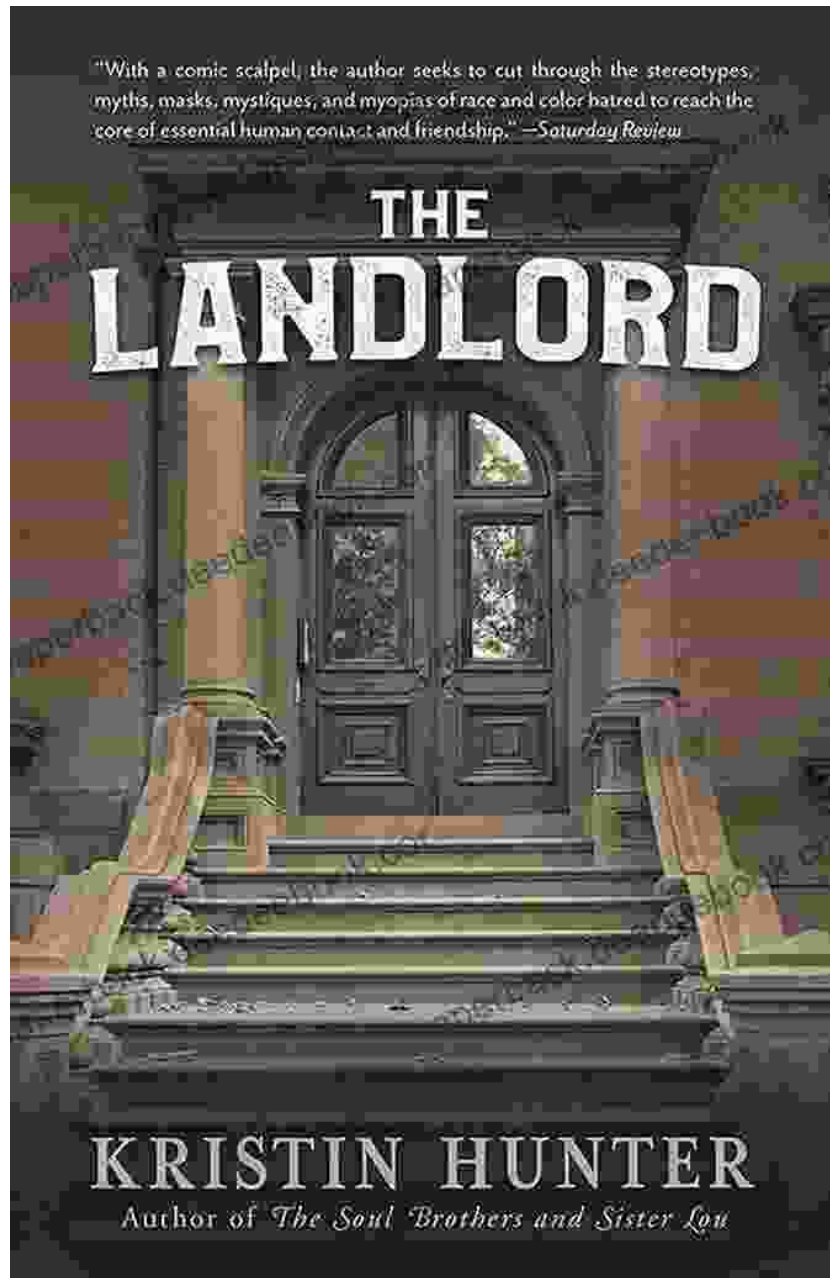


The Landlord by Kristin Hunter: A Haunting Tale of Race, Class, and Power



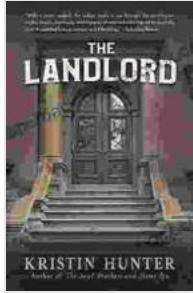
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Print length	: 268 pages
Lending	: Enabled



Kristin Hunter's 'The Landlord' is a powerful and thought-provoking novel that explores the complex and often-painful relationship between race, class, and power in America. The novel tells the story of a young black couple who rent a room in a boarding house owned by a white landlord. The landlord is a deeply prejudiced man who makes the couple's life a living hell. The novel is a powerful indictment of racism and a moving exploration of the human spirit.

Plot summary

The novel begins with the young couple, Lutie Johnson and her husband, moving into the boarding house. Lutie is a beautiful and intelligent woman who is determined to make a better life for herself and her family. Her husband, Frank, is a kind and hardworking man who is also determined to make a good life for his family.

The landlord, Mr. Hall, is a white man who is deeply prejudiced against black people. He makes it clear to Lutie and Frank that he does not want them living in his boarding house. He refuses to rent them a room with a window, and he makes them pay more rent than the other tenants.

Lutie and Frank are determined to make the best of their situation. They work hard and they try to ignore Mr. Hall's racism. However, Mr. Hall continues to make their lives miserable. He harasses them, he threatens them, and he even tries to evict them from the boarding house.

Lutie and Frank refuse to give up. They fight back against Mr. Hall's racism, and they eventually win their case against him. The novel ends with Lutie and Frank moving out of the boarding house and starting a new life for themselves.

Characters

The characters in 'The Landlord' are complex and well-developed. Lutie Johnson is a strong and determined woman who is determined to make a better life for herself and her family. Frank Johnson is a kind and hardworking man who is also determined to make a good life for his family. Mr. Hall is a deeply prejudiced man who makes Lutie and Frank's life a living hell.

Themes

'The Landlord' explores a number of important themes, including race, class, and power. The novel shows how racism can poison relationships and make it difficult for people to live together in peace. The novel also shows how class can divide people and create barriers between them. Finally, the novel shows how power can be used to oppress and control others.

Critical reception

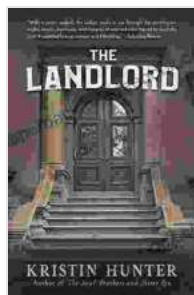
'The Landlord' was a critical and commercial success. The novel won the National Book Award for Fiction in 1966, and it was adapted into a film in

1970. The novel has been praised for its powerful indictment of racism and its moving exploration of the human spirit.

Legacy

'The Landlord' is a classic work of American literature that continues to be read and studied today. The novel is a powerful reminder of the evils of racism and the importance of fighting for justice.

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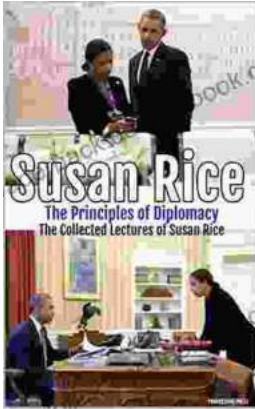


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