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Editorial Review

Review

Readers cannot help but root for Emily's character development throughout the story, as she transforms from a spoiled and ignorant Southern belle to a more humble and compassionate person... The novel is charged with characters' firsthand accounts...which add a sense of historical legitimacy to the text. (Melissa Tanaka, *Readers' Favorite Book Awards*)

I love the character Malachi. Instead of just arguing and preaching to Emily, he shows her little by little how people can live equally regardless of their race. This book is great for late elementary grades and up. It's appropriate and very enjoyable! (Christine, *The Crooked Word*)

The Candle Star showed a period of time that I haven't had a chance yet to learn much about. Ms. Isenhoff made it come alive for me. (Bella, teen reader)

From the Author

As a reader, I love nothing better than losing myself in a good book. As a history buff, I imagine the stories of our past in living, breathing detail. As a teacher and homeschooler, I see the possibilities of immersing history lessons within an entertaining reading experience. As an author, I put together the entire package.

From the Back Cover

When Emily was a little girl, her father had taken her outside in each season and pointed out the pictures in the stars, explaining the ancient lore behind them. She wondered if he was looking up at the same stars right now.

"They're beautiful, aren't they?"

Emily started. She hadn't heard Malachi approach.

"Looks like you can just reach up and pluck one down, maybe set it in a ring," he said. "It'd be the most beautiful piece of jewelry you ever laid eyes on."

He pointed to the Big Dipper. "See the last two stars in the bowl of the spoon? They line up just right and point the way to the North Star."

Emily had learned that when she was six.

"When I was little, I remember Mama setting a candle in the window on the nights Daddy would get in late. I slept sound on those nights, confident that beacon was guiding my daddy home."

He paused as he contemplated the night sky. "The North Star is kind of like a candle God hung up special to guide His lost children home. Lot of black folks looking up at it right now, directing themselves home to freedom."

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