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"A fascinating glimpse of a now-vanished Harlem culture." --Rosalind Warren, *New Directions for Women*

"A reminder of how entertaining good writing can be." --Ernest R. Mercer, *East St. Louis Monitor*

About the Author

Jessie Redmon Fauset (1882-1961) was literary editor of *Crisis* from 1919 to 1926. She is the author of four novels, including *The Chinaberry Tree*.

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