

A Raisin in the Sun**Lorraine Hansberry****Reviewed by: Antonella Risi, 16****Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity****www.bethestaryouare.org**

Set in 1950's south side Chicago, the Younger family is stuck in a small apartment and with little money due to the fact that they are an African American family. With Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, Beneatha, Travis, and Mama all living under a small roof, this creates a variety of issues and tension between family members. When a check of \$10,000 is set to come in for Mama, everyone in the family has a different idea of where it should go to, which creates even more issues in the family. As well as environmental and social factors coming into play, the Younger family has to figure out how to compromise with the money and the world they can spend it in. This play, while it was not the most riveting to me, is interesting for someone who wants to see this type of world at this time. Since it was written in the late 1950s, it has phrases and trends from the time, and with an African American family, it has some of the treatment and unfairness one does or does not expect to see. I would recommend this to teenagers and older for language and comprehension.

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