

## **Passing**

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Irene meets an old friend, Clare, by accident, who she hasn't seen her since childhood. Clare is passing as white, she is married to a man who is racist and doesn't know that she is black. Irene is bothered by her company but is always enamored by her charm. Clare misses the company of her culture and race and as a result, attaches herself to Irene. Irene never fully accepts Clare's company and is constantly bothered by the fact that Clare lives a lie. Because this book was assigned for me to read and annotate over the summer, I did not enjoy some of it, but this is an interesting read and the fastest book I went through this summer. I would recommend it to high schoolers and any adult.

### **Recommended Titles**

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

A Chosen Exile: A History of Racial Passing in America by Allyson Hobbs