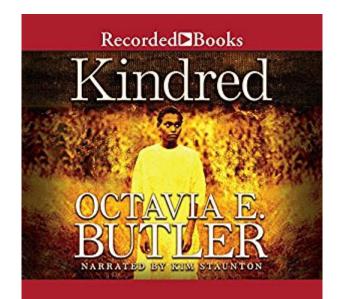


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# **Kindred**





### Synopsis

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#### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

There are many narratives about life as a slave, but this one is different because it is written from the viewpoint of a modern time traveler. The book is excellent, and the author herself, a Black woman writing science fiction, is of interest as well. I found the interaction among the slaves and with the white masters totally believable. Would be an excellent book for high schoolers.

This was a very engaging story. I was into it right from the first chapter. It is set in the antebellum South when slavery was accepted, which means it has it's moments where it is dark and sad to read. I like that the author does not shy away from the gruesome realities of slavery though. This, juxtaposed with a character who you learn to care for, but who also becomes a slave owner, makes for conflicting and ambivalent feelings. But that keeps you engaged even more! Definitely recommend reading this!

I can see why this book is included in many college lit courses. It is very absorbing and moving, and I learned a great deal. I have read and enjoyed 4 more of Butler's books and plan to read more. Currently I am reading the graphic novel based (faithfully) on the book. I recommend it to all.

Interesting concept, but there were a lot of holes in the story - she never offered any explanation as to why Dana was time traveling. That said, the book was riveting and a very non-romantic treatment of slavery with sympathy for both slaves and masters.

Thought provoking and gut wrenching. I found myself transported to places and times I cannot imagine. I found this work emotionally and viscerally alive and challenging. I don't know how I missed it before now. The characters are so alive and bring the narrative to life in a singular way. I recommend this on so many levels.

"Kindred" exposits the paradoxes and nightmares of slavery in 19th century America. The narrator at times seems too accepting of her fate, but perhaps that sense of hopelessness and predestination is what we need to understand.

I truly enjoyed this story of time travel and slavery. Ms. Butler did an outstanding job of not only keeping me engaged but also keeping me on the edge of my seat. She brought up many excellent points about how some would try to downplay the slavery experience and how they truly might affect those who were impacted by it.

I use this book for my developmental composition class at the community college I teach for and the students absolutely LOVE it! I have taken students who have never finished a novel in their life and have them reading and finishing this book before the required deadlines. My students come to class on days that reading is due and they are excited and energized to discuss Kindred. I often have to cut our discussion times early because my students will take up an entire class period talking about this book! :)I was hesitant when the English department assigned this book to me, but now I plan to use it for many semesters to come. Reminder, this is for developing composition, not transfer level English. I do think this book is a little too "easy" for transfer level students.

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