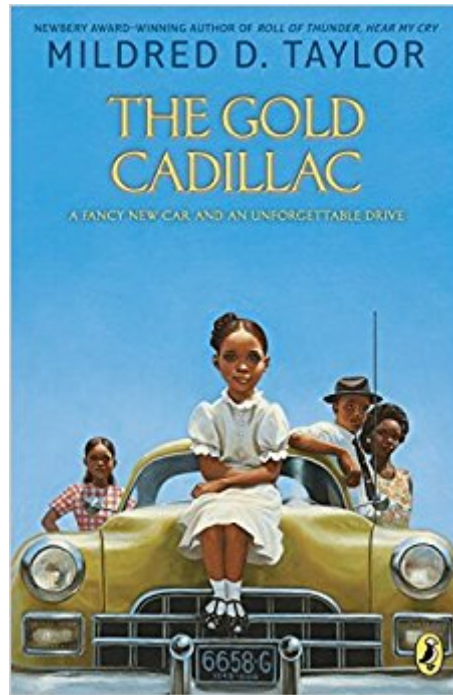


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# The Gold Cadillac



## Synopsis

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. A drive South becomes dangerous for Lois and her family. Lois and Wilma are proud of their father's brand-new gold Cadillac, and excited that the family will be driving it all the way from Ohio to Mississippi. But as they travel deeper into the rural South, there are no admiring glances for the shiny new car; only suspicion and anger for the black man behind the wheel. For the first time in their lives, Lois and her sister know what it's like to feel scared because of the color of their skin. "A personal, poignant look at a black child's first experience with institutional racism."--The New York Times

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It is 1950, and Lois and Wilma, two African-American girls, live in Toledo, OH, with their parents, Wilbert and Dee. Several aunts and uncles live nearby. One day Daddy trades in their Mercury for a brand new gold Cadillac. However, Mother doesn't like the new car because the family is supposed to be saving up to buy a new house, so she refuses to ride in it, even to church. She and the girls walk! However, when Daddy determines to drive the Cadillac down to Mississippi for a visit to the grandparents and all the other relatives decide to make the trip too, Mother has to go along.

After they cross the Ohio River, the girls begin to notice something that theyâ™d never seen before. There are signs saying, âœWhites onlyâ ”Colored not allowed.â • Then just inside Mississippi, the gold Cadillac gets separated from the other relatives. All of a sudden, they hear a police siren behind them and stop the car. Two white officers get out of their car and accuse Daddy of driving a stolen vehicle. One of them puts him in the police car, the other drives the Cadillac, and they all head to the police station. The policemen take Daddy inside. Will Daddy go to jail? What will Mother and the girls do? And what will happen to the gold Cadillac? This short account accurately portrays the kinds of situations that black people often found themselves facing in the South during the days of âœJim Crow,â • as these two young girls from the North encounter racial prejudice for the first time. While race relations in this nation may not be perfect, it is good for young people to see the progress that weâ™ve made today as compared to how things âœused to be.â • The story also celebrates the strength of an African-American family.

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