



Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Reviewed by Lauren



Memoir

Give a summary without spoilers!

Born a Crime tells the story of Trevor Noah growing up in apartheid South Africa. He has a black mother and a white father, so his birth was literally a crime. The book combats the heavy topics of racism and living during an apartheid with many light-hearted jokes and funny stories.

What drew you to this book?

This book was a required book for a memoir course I was taking in school. Usually I am not the biggest fan of assigned books in school, but not only was this the first book where I read all of the assigned reading, but I also went out of my way to read all of the sections that were not assigned.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

I found this book very unique and different from anything else that I have read or watched. At times, this book felt similar to one of Trevor Noah's comedy segments which made it have a different feel than most other books which I enjoyed.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend the *Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes to mystery lovers and anyone who is in a reading slump. The book is very fast paced and has many twists and turns. I would recommend this book to someone who enjoys solving puzzles and riddles. There is also a sub-plot of romance between Avery and one of the Hawthorne grandsons.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

I would recommend *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah to people who have never read memoirs, and want to start. I would also recommend this book to people who are looking for a funny read. Since Trevor Noah is a comedian, many parts of the book are both intentionally and unintentionally funny.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and will recommend it to others. I feel like most teens tend to look for light-hearted and fun reads as opposed to heavy ones, and I feel this book is the perfect combination of both which would entice a reader.