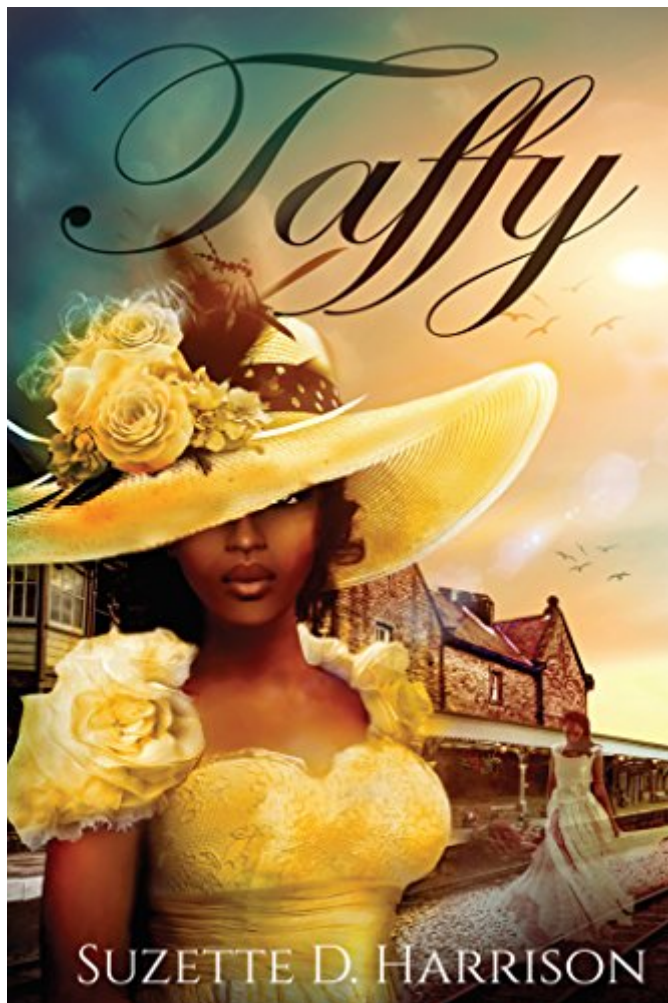


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Synopsis

Welcome to the sleepy, all-Black southern town of Bledsoe, where Colored residents proudly declare “ain’t nothing white here except milk and teeth.” It’s 1935. A press-and-curl costs a quarter. Records play on phonographs. And a telephone is a luxury. Meet twenty-three-year-old Taffy Bledsoe Freeman. She doesn’t need her gift of second sight to know her “mockery of a marriage” to a man twice her age is far from good. After a seven-year exile Up North, Taffy travels down-home to the small town bearing her family’s name, plotting her escape from a marriage not worth the price of a press-and-curl. She only needs to retrieve the son her husband banished to her parents’ care, before boarding a train headed for the Windy City filled with liberty and opportunity. Instead, Taffy stumbles into Roam Ellis: the man Taffy meant to marry. Twenty-six-year-old Roam Ellis is a “broad-shouldered, hard-bodied” Pullman porter riding the rails coast-to-coast, outrunning the bitter heartbreak Taffy left behind. Now, after a seven-year absence, Roam is face-to-face with his first love. Anger ignites. Old wounds are exposed. But when pain subsides, passion rises, thrusting Taffy and Roam into a hurricane of buried secrets and lies. Reminiscent of the works of Bernice McFadden, Bertice Berry, and Andrea Smith (*The Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner*) this Historical Romance is bathed in southern lore and sweeping imagery. Lyrical and powerful, *Taffy* is a story of restoration and redemption that you won’t soon forget.

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Customer Reviews

There are few novels that render me speechless, but I can truly say that "Taffy" has succeeded in taking me on the literary journey of a lifetime. The prose are very lyrical and colorful, I have "not" read this caliber of writing in some time; It is as if the words are dancing around on the page, and asking me to join in. First we begin with a plot filled with true African-Americana dealing with beliefs and traditions from African culture mixed with historical fiction and romance. The main character, Taffy is filled with mystery and is a true enigma in her own right. The plot thickens somewhere around 50% and is heart pounding and foot stomping until the conclusion. I am generally a fast reader, however due to the number of characters and their respective roles, I found myself slowing my reading pace so I would not get confused. You will not see the ending coming...before you know it, you will be turning back the pages wondering...What??? Let me read that again. I recommend this book to EVERYONE!! You will not regret it. Kudos Ms. Suzette D. Harrison - You Did the "Dang" Thing!!!!

This is the first time I have read anything by this author but it will not be the last. This historical romance was on a level with Beverly Jenkins, with an unforeseen twist added that no one will see coming. If you are looking for something that you can really sink your teeth in, this is it.

I wanted more!! I had never read this artist's work and I could not get enough from the one book. Unfortunately, the other two I found are not in kindle format. I may have to break down and buy the books. Her writing is exceptional and the plot development and suspense was excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed the book!!!!

Anyone who really and truly knows me is very aware that historical fiction is one of my all-time favorite genres. I live for anything that gives me historical context of what my ancestors may have gone through. Any author that can take the African American plight, put into such eloquent prose and make it a story that has me captivated from beginning to end is someone that will ALWAYS be on my list of MUST-READ Authors!! I am new to Ms. Harrison but what I can say is that this will

certainly not be the last creative masterpiece of hers that I read. The characters, the imagery, the nostalgic emotions that she was able to invoke from the very inner recesses of my soul were wrung freely from me without an ounce of hesitation on my part. I literally read this book not once but twice because that is how enthralled with the characters, the time period, and the sense of mystery that seemed to hover over the tale. I could envision Taffy as she galloped in the fields with her son and cavorted without a care in the world. I could see and feel the emotions that she held when she happened upon the sordid scene between her husband and what could only be considered a child. Every single letter, word, and piece of punctuation helped to create a little slice of heaven for me while I voraciously read through this book. KUDOS Ms. Harrison I honestly can't find enough adjectives or words to convey to you how very much I enjoyed this book. Just know that I will forever and ever be a fan as long as you continue to create and release books of pure perfection like Taffy!!

I'm an avid reader, but I rarely read modern (i.e. popular) authors anymore due to poor development, formulaic plots and overly sexualized content. I love that this author is first and foremost an actual writer with true ability and craft. I also appreciate the obvious research she's done to add historical facts. The story is well-developed and captivating throughout. A breath of fresh air and a reminder that our spirits are our true guides. A must read!

I loved the book Taffy. Each character jumped off the page. The book was fun to read. The author was able to captivate me and take me on a comfortable journey into the past. The author weaved historical facts into a fictional story that made look at that time period in a different way. The story accelerated from a simmer to boil making me crave more information about the characters. I totally enjoyed this novel.

Taffy is the first historical novel I've read in a while and the experience was outstanding. The writer's language is lyrical, which made me savor the telling of the tale. Taffy's story takes place in a rich and vibrant world I didn't want to emerge from whenever I picked up my Kindle. The book's protagonist, Taffy, is a young woman who has had many bad experiences thrown at her, including marriage to a lecherous older man. Her losses are many, but her strength is undiminished as she learns how to tough things out. Her return to her hometown and subsequent reunion with the man she intended to marry years ago unleashes a host of plot twists that makes Taffy an absorbing read. The eternal struggle of good versus evil challenges Taffy, who's gifted with second sight, and puts her at risk. The characters are well-drawn and colourful, the setting realistic, and the storyline filled

with shocking twists. After travelling with Taffy and Roam to the end of their romance, I couldn't help hoping Ms. Harrison will continue their story. If you enjoy sweeping tales that take you to a different time in history with realism and heart, then Taffy is a must read.

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