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In this award-winning epic tale of love, loss and the cost of liberation, Addis, a 17-year-old enslaved girl, escapes from her enslaver, the first president of a young country. On the run for her life, with unlikely friends and a nation of enemies, Addis becomes the most wanted person alive and a global symbol of hope to enslaved people longing for freedom.

Written in an 18th Century Black Diasporic vernacular, Book of Addis reaches back in time to explore the intergenerational impact of oppression and plots a daring path into the future.

This Gold Seal Edition includes the Book of Addis Syllabus and the Reader and Discussion Guide!

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Sandra Evans says

This is a book everyone should read. The language is so beautiful and striking--it makes it very hard to put down, and even once you do put it down, the words and syntax remain in your mind long after. The story is raw and real and compelling. I'll be passing this one along to friends and family. It took me awhile to read it but only because it is so dense and powerful and I usually only read before bed and I knew this was the kind of book where the words and story would get into my dreams and make it impossible to sleep. So I read in small bites, and enjoyed every minute of it.

Donna says

Smartly written. It felt real, our history as it as been taught may not lead us to believe that a successful slave revolt existed but this writing let us know it might have taken place. This is a great read and should be read by many. It would make a great transition to film as well.

Clifford says

A powerful novel about oppression, atrocities, and resistance. The language is difficult--not only because of the style but also because of the horrors depicted--but Obie is a fine writer. Think Toni Morrison.

Monise says

What an amazing and wonderfully written debut novel! The story of Addis is one of determination and triumph in the ugly face of slavery. Brooke did an amazing job of telling one of our many stories, using one of the languages of our ancestors. Addis reminds us that we all have a warrior inside, just waiting to be awokened.

Jen says

Addis - or in her native language of Eboe, Adaeze - was born to a family of warrior women. Unfortunately, they've been enslaved in the new country of Amerika, which believes she belongs to the first President of that new nation, William Burken. Slaves are forbidden from speaking Eboe, so they have to keep their language and their religion alive in the few secret places in their lives. When Addis is taken north as part of Mr. Burken's entourage for meetings in the capital of Filadelfia, her mother promises that she's found a way to secure Addis's freedom...but the cost might be much greater than Addis can bear.

OMG this book was so, so, SO good. It is a slightly off-kilter fictional history that is obviously based on our

real history, and it pulls absolutely no punches about the complicity of white people in not only slavery, but slavery's far-reaching effects in this country that continue to this day. (view spoiler) I have never in my life read a slave narrative that does not try to pander to white people's feelings - but the world needs this book. I can't get over how great the story, the plotting, the writing were - I hope everyone gets a chance to read it.
