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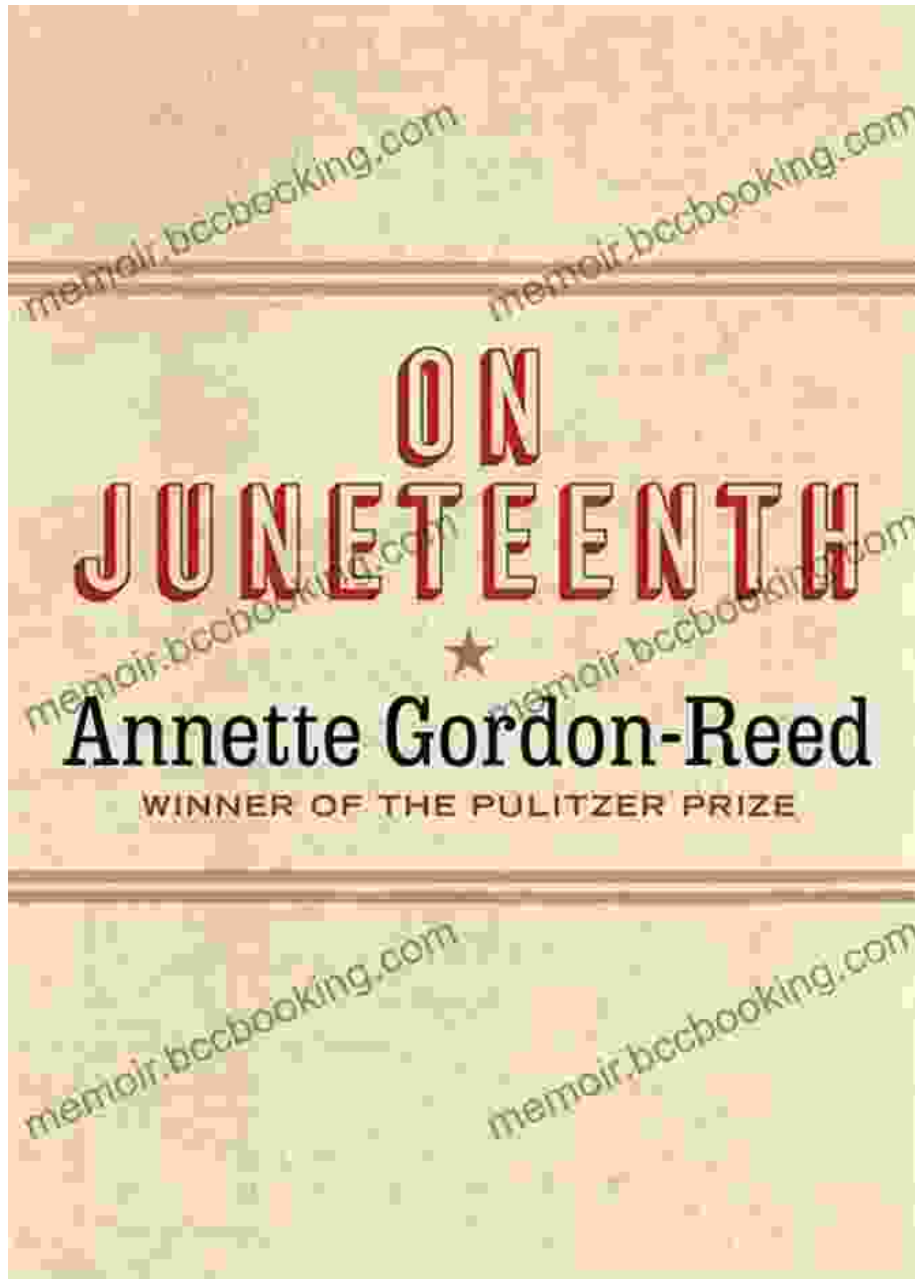
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## **On Juneteenth**

**By Annette Gordon-Reed**

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Annette Gordon-Reed is a renowned historian and Pulitzer Prize winner. Her work focuses on the history of slavery, race, and law in the United States.

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## **A Literary Exploration of Emancipation, Resilience, and the Enduring Quest for Freedom**

In "On Juneteenth," Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Annette Gordon-Reed offers a profound and illuminating exploration of the historical and cultural significance of Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Through a meticulous examination of historical documents, Gordon-Reed traces the origins of Juneteenth back to June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that the Confederacy had surrendered and that all enslaved people were now free. This long-awaited news had been delayed for two and a half years due to the resistance of Confederate authorities.

Gordon-Reed vividly portrays the joy and disbelief that swept through the Black communities of Texas as they received this transformative news. She also explores the challenges and obstacles that newly freed Black people faced in the aftermath of emancipation, as they struggled to rebuild their lives and assert their rights as citizens.

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Juneteenth has evolved into a day of celebration and remembrance, a time for Black communities to reflect on their history, honor their ancestors, and celebrate their ongoing struggle for freedom and equality.

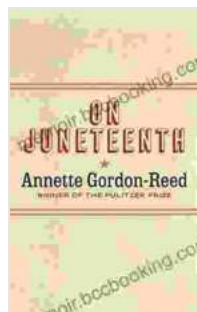
In "On Juneteenth," Gordon-Reed argues that Juneteenth is not just a historical event but a living tradition that continues to inspire and empower Black people today. She examines the role of Juneteenth in shaping Black identity, culture, and politics, and its importance in the broader American story.

## **A Must-Read for Understanding American History and the Fight for Freedom**

Annette Gordon-Reed's "On Juneteenth" is a groundbreaking work that sheds new light on one of the most significant events in American history. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of slavery, emancipation, and the ongoing quest for freedom in the United States.

Through its rich historical narrative and incisive analysis, "On Juneteenth" invites readers to engage with the complexities of American history and the enduring legacy of slavery. It is a powerful and essential contribution to our understanding of race, freedom, and the ongoing struggle for justice and equality.

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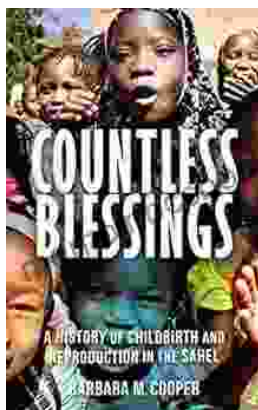
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