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Sankofa

Chibundu Onuzo

A funny, gripping and surprising story of a mixed-race British woman who goes in search of the African father she never knew.

IN DETAIL

Anna grew up in England with her white mother and knowing very little about her West African father. In middle age, after separating from her husband and with her daughter all grown up, she finds herself alone and wondering who she really is. Her mother's death leads her to find her father's student diaries, chronicling his involvement in radical politics in 1970s London. She discovers that he eventually became the president - some would say the dictator - of Bamana in West Africa. And he is still alive. She decides to track him down and so begins a funny, painful, fascinating journey, and an exploration of race, identity and what we pass on to our children.



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BOOK CLUB TOPICS

Did you enjoy *Sankofa*?

How does being mixed race impact Anna's experience growing up in the UK? Do you think Bronwyn and Caryl treat Anna differently because of it?

What did you think of the diary format in the early chapters?

Why do you think *Sankofa* was chosen as the title for the novel? How does it make you reflect on your own family history?

Would you recommend *Sankofa*?

RECOMMENDED LISTENS AFTER SANKOFA

Other 'Reese's Book Club' Picks

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

Conviction by Denise Mina

The Lying Game by Ruth Ware