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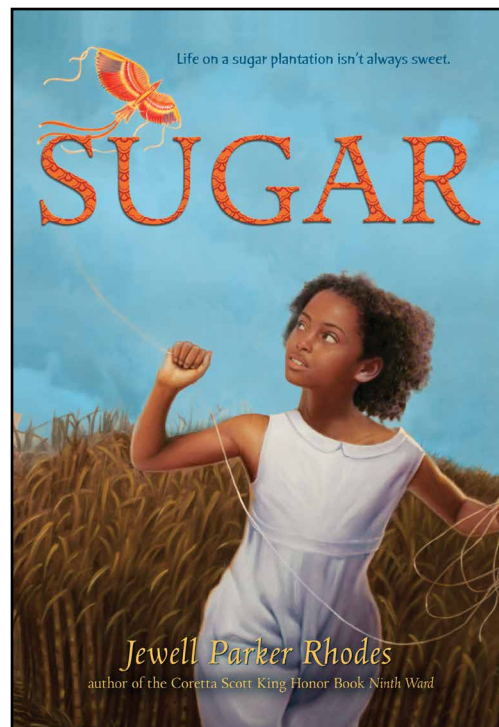
Sugar

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Slavery has ended, but 10-year-old Sugar still works in the sugarcane fields all day long. It's back-breaking work. After losing her parents, Sugar lives alone in a cabin on the banks of the Mississippi River. Telling stories brightens Sugar's life.

When Chinese workers arrive to help harvest the sugarcane, Sugar is fascinated with their culture. Others on the plantation are fearful and feel threatened by the newcomers. Sugar's dream is to help the two communities work together and realize they are not so different after all.



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