

1: I WISH I HAD A RED DRESS by Pearl Cleage | Kirkus Reviews

Pearl Cleage is the author of Mad at Miles: A Black Woman's Guide to Truth and Deals with the Devil and Other Reasons to Riot. An accomplished Playwright, she teaches playwriting at Spelman College, is a cofounder of the literary magazine Catalyst and writes a column for the Atlanta Tribune.

But some nights, home alone, she knows something is missing. Then one night, at dinner at the home of her best friend, Sister, Joyce finds a perfect meal and a perfect man: Suddenly, Joyce feels ready to grab a sexy red dress and the life that goes with it Customer Book Reviews Engaging and Enlightening Joyce, continues to work at the center she founded The Sewing Circus and Community Truth Center which has been affectionately dubbed "The Circus" as a social worker counseling young black women, many of whom are the product of single parent homes and many of whom are single mothers. Although Joyce has her work, her family, her friends and her town While she has her memories, daydreams and self-pleasures none of those can take the place of a muscular, hard, dark and handsome African American male. Joyce knows that something is missing and that sometimes you really need the real thang After all the other tragedies, Mitch was always the one constant in her life and now he was gone. As the story opens, Joyce has to put thoughts about relationships, love, desires and her personal needs on hold, because first, she must meet with state legislatures to secure their votes to fund the proposal she worked on the last three months regarding "The Circus" program. While Joyce is busy focusing on the girls and funding, her friends, Bill and Sister are busy playing matchmaker. Over dinner, Sister introduces Joyce to Nate Anderson who has just moved to the area to work at the local high school as a guidance counselor. Nate is a sensitive, understanding and supportive gentlemen and he touches emotions in Joyce that have long been suppressed but as fate would have it What a powerful, surprisingly shocking and beautifully woven story centered around Idlewild, Michigan. I was delighted that Pearl dedicated a book to Joyce and allowed her to share more of herself with us. It was a gratifying and wonderful book to read and well worth sharing with others. Joyce is a strong and remarkable woman, with so much to give and offer others and she does just that. While reading it I found myself rethinking various key moments in my own lifetime. Or as Oprah says, those light blub moments. Happy reading and thanks Pearl for another delightful, life-changing and powerful read. This book totally stands alone. Joyce Michelle has been a widow for five years and has totally thrown herself into her work with teens and young girls in a group called the "The Sewing Circus". Nate Anderson takes the position as the new vice principle of the one and only high school in the town of Idlewild, Wisconsin. He is divorced, very tall, very bald, and very handsome. Nate meets Joyce through mutual acquaintances, and they become fast friends and a formidable yet needed force in Joyces life. Nate even makes Joyce dream of wearing a daring red dress. Cleage has spun a cast of characters that are so true to life that they make you want to meander into the pages and just slap a few, and hug a few of them. By Cathy Goodwin on Dec 22, I picked up this book in the library, not familiar with the author, and wow! Pearl Cleage can write! She not only tells a good story, but she honors her craft. I loved lines like this: The use of film as a learning tool is very real -- made me want to rent some of those videos myself. Reminded me of May Sarton, with a lot more bite, deeper characterization and much, much better writing. Cleage is what I call a "Gentle Feminist" she believes in women learning to think for themselves and becoming independent but unlike most staunch feminist she wants the boys along for the ride. She loves men we have that in common and knows women cannot survive without them nor should we try. I Wish I had a Red Dress is a testament to her philosophy. If your not interested in the messages you will still enjoy the story. Nate Anderson , a former cop, and newcomer to Idlewild has taken a job as a counselor at the local high school, he too wants to make a difference in the lives of young people. Can these two socially aware, beautiful people find love? I purchased the audio version of this novel and was touched by the depth of the characters. Cleage does a wonderful job of exhibiting the desires of young women and single mothers to create their own happiness and successes through adversity. The concept of being a "free woman" provides the avenue of being true to oneself, others and their community. The "Circle" of friends demonstrated honesty, tolerance and respect amongst each others. Cleage also brought to light how an individual can be there for someone else and tend to forget about

their own needs and desires such as "Ms. And I too love to wear that "red dress" which enlightens my soul and those around me. There were many other issues exhibited through Ms. I recommend this writing not only because it is well-written but also because it will touch your mind and soul. It may awaken a desire to become active in our communities, with our young men and women or to pursue a dream hidden behind a cloud. What is a free woman? A free woman is a woman that is independent and self-sufficient. The Red Dress, symbolizes the strength and independence for which women strive. The reader will watch Joyce and many young women as they search for their red dress. Joyce is a strong woman in search of more for herself. The reader will follow Joyce as she raises the standard for young women and herself. We will watch Joyce as she interacts with her core group of friends in Idlewood. Joyce is a strong and intelligent woman. I would have liked to see her character developed more, I know Joyce has an even greater story to be told. Congrats to Pearl Cleage for creating this dynamic novel. The characters also relate such memorable messages as: In addition to running "The Circus" and helping its all-female membership deal with issues such as motherhood, education, abusive relationships, and career choices, Joyce must examine her own feelings regarding the blossoming of a romantic relationship with the newest member of her small Idlewild, Michigan community, after surviving five years of widowhood. Joyce is a young widower juggling her career mentoring young women. She also has a budding romance after a 5 year period of being alone. In my opinion, the book addresses the difficulty of women and men to hear and respect each other's opinion. The book also examines how young women define their independence and sexuality. The young women Joyce helps are encouraged to redefine themselves as free women and to review their lives and their relationships with men. Despite that minor flaw, this new novel stands on its own. The setting takes place in Idlewild, Michigan, once a resort town for the black elite, now a dilapidated small town with all the ills of the inner city. Joyce Mitchell is a woman who has experienced much loss through death. She is social worker who directs a community program for teenage mothers. She attempts to teach the members to be "free women". She also is a surrogate mother to the members. At the same time Nate Anderson vice principal of the local high school comes into her life and breaks down her barriers of having a relationship. This is not an easy task because Joyce flip-flops between not needing his help and needing his help. The story is written in many short chapters that will keep you turning the pages. There is some tragedy that is overcome and learning that takes place among all the participants. A quick and descriptive read with characters that are full of themselves. I would have loved to know more though. So many unanswered questions e. More Nate, less Junior. As a reader and fan, loved the work dearly I enjoyed learning By Linda S. Cox on Jul 05, Great book! I would recommend this book to everyone. The problem this book addressed is also the case for white and black women alike. I am going to read more books Pearl Cleage Big letdown for a sequel By Overwhelmed Counselor on Sep 20, As a huge fan of her book, "what looks like crazy Unlike the previous book, which I reread every year, this book feels dated and rushed, and does not serve justice to the mother sister spirit of the social worker. I was hoping for so much more. A Good Summer Read By Mocha Girl on Aug 05, I thought this book was very well written with a cast of interesting characters, witty on-liners, and clever dialog. Although I would have liked her to have deeper defined the concept of the "free woman" and the shared more background of some of the supporting cast, like the Lattimores, Sister, and the twins Overall, it was a great summer read with a happy ending. I enjoyed it and look forward to her next release. Wanting to see their Lives change for the better. Trying to give them some life skills and other ways of looking at life and what is out. To aspire for more. Great author -- have read many of her books. I read this book first then had to go buy the book about her sister Ava. Wear the Red Dress with Spirit! By Debbie Marshall on May 29, This book was wonderful!

2: I Wish I Had a Red Dress: A Novel - Pearl Cleage - Google Books

Summary and reviews of I Wish I Had A Red Dress by Pearl Cleage, plus links to a book excerpt from I Wish I Had A Red Dress and author biography of Pearl Cleage.

3: I Wish I Had a Red Dress - Sinopsis y Precio | FNAC

I WISH I HAD A RED DRESS pdf

Red Dress is the story of Joyce - a young widow in a Michigan town. She is a social worker and starts "The Circus" - a support group for young black women - teaching them to be "free" women. Enjoyable read.

4: I wish i had a red dress - Tulsa City-County Library

I wish I had a red dress is written with such a powerful message it is a great addition to any home library. The main character is strong, kind and brave, she encourages the reader to take a good look at themselves and delve into serious issues between men and woman as well as woman to woman.

5: I Wish I Had a Red Dress (Idlewild #2) by Pearl Cleage

An Oprah Book Club author (also see Mitchard, below) returns with a relentlessly on-message companion novel to What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day (), this one featuring Ava's older sister Joyce, a strong woman who finally finds a man who's good enough.

6: I Wish I Had A Red Dress by Pearl Cleage - Review | | BookPage

I Wish I Had a Red Dress is a sensitive story of sisterhood, courage and self-determination, always leavened with touches of humor and compassion.

7: I Wish I Had a Red Dress (Idlewild) by Pearl Cleage ()

*I Wish I Had a Red Dress [Pearl Cleage] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Since Joyce Mitchell was widowed five years ago, she's kept herself occupied by running the Sewing Circus.*

8: I Wish I Had a Red Dress by Pearl Cleage (, Hardcover) | eBay

I Wish I Had A Red Dress picks up with Joyce trying to raise funds for her center where she educates young AA women. The center serves as a get together place, a day care, a place where she can teach young women self-reliance, self esteem, a sense of themselves and their place in the world.

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