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Sally Harrison and her family are slaves on a plantation in Georgia. But when Master decides to sell Sally and her brother, the family escapes to seek shelter with a tribe of Seminoles who are rumored to adopt runaway slaves. After a perilous journey, Sally's family finds and joins the tribe. But while her father and brother easily adjust to Indian ways, Sally can't seem to find her place. Combining the poetry of Sally's songs with the heartwrenching tension of the family's escape, author Brenda Woods delivers a breathtaking story of a girl caught between worlds.

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Anna Murdock says

Just finished reading this to Katie and nicole. We all liked it, it was a good historical fiction.

Felicia Gary says

Although it has been placed in the young readers genre. This a book that should be read by adults and young readers. It is powerful, provocative, passionate, and has all the elements of a good read. Check it out.

What I learned from this book was the racial and cultural fusion between Native American tribes and African-Americans. This book is definitely a five-star read.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

This story of fugitive slaves was different because the slaves fled south rather than north, and joined the Seminole Indians in Florida. Brenda Woods lends authenticity to the story with her southern slave speech and descriptions of daily life on the plantation and among the Seminoles. Sally and her family accept slave life as better than the dangers of running until they realize that Sally and her brother are going to be sold away. To preserve the family, they decide to flee. The account of their journey is suspenseful. But are they safe from the slave hunters, even when they are accepted and taken in by the Indians? It's hard to imagine living in fear like that. I will have to read more of Woods' books. Recommended especially for its different viewpoint on the fate of fugitive slaves.

Sharyn says

When Sally's parents learn that she and her brother will be given to the master's brother-in-law in another state, the family makes plans to escape the plantation to the safety of the Florida Everglades. Sally's escape is successful, but not without costing her mother's life. As the three remaining members settle into life with a tribe of Seminoles, Sally must deal with her grief and begin to identify herself as freer than before, yet still enslaved by the racism of the antebellum South. Great character, beautiful language, but the plot was a bit too linear. I wanted a bit more from the escape and more development of characters' emotions. Curricular connections: U.S. History pre-Civil War, family, grief.

Madigan Mirza says

Eleven-year old slave Sally Henderson is faced with difficult choices as she and her family make a run for it, from Southern slavery into the Florida swamp. If they can make it to Seminole territory, her family may stand a better chance of remaining free. The story is very accessible to young readers, without shying away from some of the harsher realities of plantation life. Unfortunately, her mother does not survive an attack by alligators, but the remainder of her family manages to make it to relative safety. The Seminoles give Sally the name, "Little Song" for her habit of singing to herself to calm her nerves. While settling in to her new life, Sally must learn how to enjoy life again, even though her harrowing experiences will always stay with her. A unique perspective and a worthwhile read.

Taylor Browne says

I think that the book My Name is little Sally Song is a good book to read and it really says a lot about how slaves wanted their freedom and how their familys would risk their live for everyone else .The book My Name Is Little sally song talks about a little girl named sally and her family running away to freedom after their dad finds out his kids are going to be sold with their while on their endless journey to get to find the indians.`

Kesha says

It's official; I am a huge fan of Brenda Woods. Her style and subject matter is telling and meaningful. I learned a lot reading this novel and I love that young readers will be exposed to another outcome of slavery that the school texts never expose.

Devyn says

For a children's book it sure didn't hold back any punches.
I'd read this to my kids, but I don't have any. My cats seemed to have enjoyed it, though.

Seabreeze says

AS a writer myself, I love to see the way the author writes about her characters..their thoughts, feeling, are right there with the narrative. This story initially set in a slave worked cotton plantation gives a horrifying picture of the cruelty forced on the slaves and their non-entity status. Because of a small incident, Sally is scheduled to be sent far,far away to another plantation. The whole family attempts an escape to Florida...and eventually assimilates with a Seminole group, not thinking it is the best possible world but thankful to the natives for taking them in, and there is no possible alternative for this slave family.. Tragic loss occurs and at times, the story seems a little forced, but this is a story well worth reading.

Karen Phelps says

This book is about a girl named Sally and her family lives on a plantation. While Sarah and Abraham are on the verge of getting sold to a master, their parents plan to leave the plantation. One night they finally escaped but along the way they lost their mother but they had to keep on going by following the stars. They were almost caught by some coloured men but some Indians saved them because they didn't have to worry about slave hunters. But in the end they weren't slaves but they weren't free but with the brave men and Pa they plan to keep everyone safe.

I picked up this book because I got tired of reading a teen book and at that time it was Black History Month so I wanted to read something about it. This was a perfect book to read because it was in Sally's perspective of everything, maybe things were hard but she was strong.

I finished this book because I liked the poems she wrote along the way because it's so different from other books. It was really interesting to read because it's so hard to escape a plantation and they kept on going no matter what happened.

I would strongly recommend this book to Mr. Spence or Mrs. Lewin because they care so much about Black History Month and slavery so much. This book involves both so they would probably enjoy reading it from a young child's perspective.

?Kimari? says

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- ★ Sounder
- ★ Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children
- ★ A Picture of Freedom
- ★ River Runs Deep
- ★ Stella by Starlight

Dyane Foltz says

Rich in details, Sam loved this book.

Barbara says

Super quick read...I finished it in about 40 minutes. Simple read with a quick history lesson. As I teach in FL, I found this perfect for sharing with my students while learning about the Seminole Indians and the slaves that escaped and fled to the South. Highly recommend!

Laura says

I've had my eye on this book for a little while. I don't have many books about Native Americans. I should have paid attention to the Coretta Scott King Award. It's about the African-American experience more than the Native American experience.

All that aside, it describes an important part of American history: the role the Seminole played in African-American history. It describes the unfairness of slavery (my students are really interested in "unfair").

I don't know who I'll recommend this to but I will be recommending it.

Morgan says

Great historical fiction for 5th grade. Slaves escape, but instead of going North, they go South and join a Native American tribe. *Does use the n-word a couple times.
