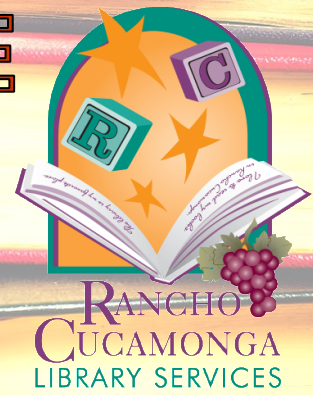


READER'S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB



Devil in a Blue Dress

By Walter Mosley

"Absorbing... expertly rendered... Virtuositic storytelling [is] on display."

—*The New York Times*

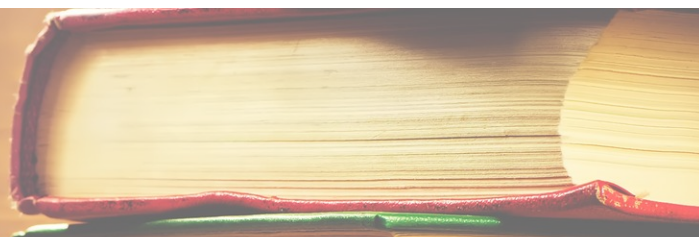
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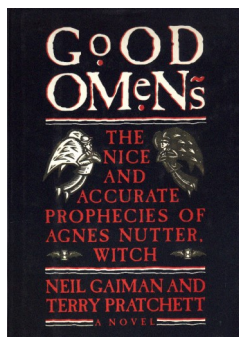
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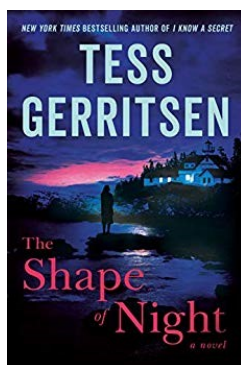
Upcoming Meetings

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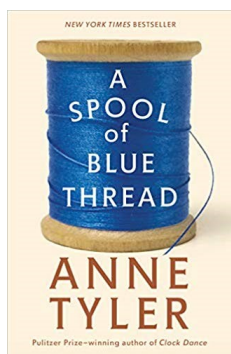
Good Omens
by Terri Pratchett

April 16



Shape of Night
by Tess Gerritsen

May 21



A Spool of Blue Thread
by Anne Tyler

About the Book

Devil in a Blue Dress, a defining novel in Walter Mosley's bestselling Easy Rawlins mystery series, was adapted into a TriStar Pictures film starring Denzel Washington as Easy Rawlins and Don Cheadle as Mouse.

Set in the late 1940s, in the African-American community of Watts, Los Angeles, *Devil in a Blue Dress* follows Easy Rawlins, a black war veteran just fired from his job at a defense plant. Easy is drinking in a friend's bar, wondering how he'll meet his mortgage, when a white man in a linen suit walks in, offering good money if Easy will simply locate Miss Daphne Monet, a blonde beauty known to frequent black jazz clubs.

About the Author

Walter Ellis Mosley is an American novelist, most widely recognized for his crime fiction. He has written a series of best-selling historical mysteries featuring the hard-boiled detective Easy Rawlins, a black private investigator and living in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles, California; they are perhaps his most popular works.

Mosley started writing at 34 and has written every day since, penning more than forty books and often publishing two books a year. He has written in a variety of fiction categories, including mystery and afrofuturist science fiction, as well as non-fiction politics. His first published book, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, was the basis of a 1995 movie starring Denzel Washington. .



Discussion Questions

1. In *Devil in a Blue Dress*, many friends and acquaintances give Easy advice. Which characters are positive mentors to him? Do any characters have a negative influence on Easy?
2. The novel's title, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, suggests that Daphne Monet is the villain of the story. Is she a sinister character, or an innocent victim of circumstance?
3. Two women, Coretta and Daphne, seduce Easy. What aspects of his character make Easy so attractive to women?
4. What similarities do the characters who migrated from Houston to Los Angeles share? How does Mouse exemplify the Houston mentality?