

(Free pdf) The Trial of Phillis Wheatley

The Trial of Phillis Wheatley

Mr. Ronald Brian Wheatley

*ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#696687 in Books Ronald Wheatley 2014-05-04Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.00 x .61 x 6.00l, .79
#File Name: 1481966189242 pagesThe Trial of Phillis Wheatley | File size: 37.Mb

Mr. Ronald Brian Wheatley : The Trial of Phillis Wheatley before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Trial of Phillis Wheatley:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I did not think I would enjoy this as I dont read much historical fictionBy msieeWhat an entertaining read this was! Honestly, I did not think I would enjoy this as I dont read much historical fiction, but I truly liked this one. The Trial of Phillis Wheatley was written by Ronald B. Wheatley. There is not much about him that I could find. I am going to make a big assumption here and say that he is more than likely a descendant of the Wheatley family that took Phillis Wheatley in as a slave. The couple of lines that I did find on him

via GoodReads and say that he is an attorney in Massachusetts, but that is all that you are going to get. Now, for those that may not be familiar with Phillis Wheatley, she is the first African-American woman to publish her work in the colonies (an area that included Massachusetts). She is well known for her poetry and elegies. About the age of 7, she was captured in Senegal (or Gambia history is not clear) and sold to the Wheatley family. Her first name came from the ship, which she sailed on to Massachusetts. From an early age, the Wheatley family played a role in her education. She knew Latin and Greek and she could decipher parts of the Bible that were difficult to understand. The Wheatley family invested much in Phillis and knew that she was not like most others. She was considered a child prodigy. She even received special treatment that was not really given to slaves. As you will read, she refers to the Wheatleys as her family, and they are also verbal about her relationship to them. With time, Phillis began to collect her works and she sought publication, however, the true author behind her works was questioned and due to the doubt, many publishers refused to publish her works. John Wheatley (her slave master), sought the Governor so that he could have Phillis go before the Governors Council Chamber and attest to her works. This was very important because if she had the backing of the council, she would be able to publish her works and most importantly, history would be made in the literary world. I give this background as it pretty much sums up the book. The storyline may not be a word-for-word account of what transpired in the events leading up to the trial or even at the trial, but the characters are real. John Hancock, a name many will recognize by his flamboyant signature on the Declaration of Independence, served as Phillis defense attorney. The storyline was easy to follow and though the language should reflect 18th century English, that is not what is covered throughout the book, thus making it an easy read. If you are looking for an easy and entertaining book, this one will meet both needs. At 242 pages, I could have easily completed this reading in two sittings, but with work and other personal issues, I read the book over the course of a week. There is so much history covered in the dialogue of the characters as the Stamp Act was passed and created much was an issue. That amongst many others had citizens wondering who was loyal and who was not to England. In addition, there is also the issue of the emancipation of slaves. So for history buffs, this ones for you. I gave this book 4 stars. It was well written and easy to understand. Infused with history, it made for an interesting read. I felt connected to most of the characters, especially Phillis, as Ronald Wheatley made each one speak with passion that you could not help but wither take pity or reason with them. Would I read this book again? YES! I would definitely read it again and for just \$2.99 at , it is a keeper. 19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. New View on Life By Ryan Clifford I am 21 years old, and I was never a reader. All throughout high school I refused to read books for pleasure, I even refused to read the mandatory reading assignments. Also, I never made it past my first semester of college. However, I recently picked this book up out of curiosity. This book has totally changed my view on literature and value of education. Instead of coming home after work and sitting down and watching movie after movie, my new desire is to read a good book. Thankfully, "The Trial of Phillis Wheatley", has turned that routine around for me. Now, I want to read more often than watch television, I now want to read more to further my knowledge on subjects like history. I recommend this book to everyone, readers or not. Thank You Ronald Wheatley for this beautiful piece of art. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Must read historical book By dianne wells The story of Phyllis Wheatley is presented by the author in a theatrical manner that made me feel as though I was actually present when Phyllis was challenged to prove the authorship of her poems because of her race. I became totally immersed in the issues of the times experiencing the tension of blacks verses whites, England verses America and the Colonial debates over British rule, abolition and taxation. Remarkably the Wheatley family did not treat Phyllis as a slave rather, they recognized and nurtured her talent and provided unprecedented education in literature. Without their generosity of spirit and the support of one of our Founding Fathers, John Hancock, America would not have been gifted with talents of our countrys first published black poet. I heartily recommend this book. The story was riveting, the writing artful, and the reader was left desiring more. Thank you for writing this wonderful book!

The The Trial of Phillis Wheatley selected as winner in eLit awards for 2015 for drama. The Trial of Phillis Wheatley By Ronald Wheatley In a preface to the book Phillis Wheatley and Her Poetry, Professor Henry Louis Gates asked of an assemblage of distinguished men who gathered at the Governors Council Chamber room in the Old State House (Common House) in Boston in the fall of 1772: Why had this august group been assembled? Why had it seen fit to summon this young African girl, scarcely eighteen years old, before it? This group of the most respectable Characters in Boston, as it would later define itself, had assembled to question closely the African adolescent on the slender sheaf of poems that she claimed to have written by herself. This young African girl was Phillis Wheatley. The Trial of Phillis Wheatley is a courtroom drama because it depicts what happened in the Governors Council Chamber room that day. However, as important as she is to our history and to the drama, the play is not just about Phillis. The play is also about the men in that room and the test that they were facing. The test of overcoming their own prejudices to be willing to put their signature on a document attesting that this African household slave of John and Susannah Wheatley had written a number of poems compiled in a small manuscript. A Negro slave author was a phenomenon that was unique to these men, to Boston, and to a young America. Only if the largely older and all white men in that room were willing to put their names to this attestation would this manuscript have a chance of being published. The

consequences of this action for these men were possible ridicule, and the threat of physical violence from an external force, the Boston gang, under the leadership of Ebenezer Mackintosh, street brawler and charismatic leader of the South End Gang. The final verdict would change American History.

About the Author Ronald Wheatley is the author of the award winning historical novel "A Song of Africa," that was inspired by his experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nigeria, West Africa. He is an attorney and student of history and a member of the Massachusetts Sons of the American Revolution. He served in Vietnam with the US Army's 1st Signal Brigade, 1967-1968.