

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe

is a fiction by Fannie Flagg.

In case you forgot...

- Ninny Threadgoode- Lives in Nursing Home, friends with Evelyn, one of narrators.
- Evelyn Couch- Visits Nursing home a lot, middle aged woman, depressed, listens to Ninny's stories.
- Idgie Threadgoode- Opens Cafe, tomboy, stubborn, loyal.
- Ruth Jamison-Idgie`s best friend.

Every week Evelyn visits Ninny, who tells her stories about her youth in Whistle Stop, Alabama where her sister-in-law, Idgie, and her friend, Ruth, ran a café.



Summary

- Ruth leaves Whistle Stop to marry Frank Bennett. ———> He turns out to be an abusive man who often beats Ruth. ———> Ruth sends Idgie a message, and Idgie, along with several others, rescue her. ———> Ruth was unknowingly pregnant.
- Idgie establishes the Whistle Stop Cafe. The café quickly became known to hobos all over the U.S.
- Idgie becomes secondary guardian to Ruth's son, Buddy Jr.
- Several years later, Idgie and Big George are arrested for Frank Bennett's murder. The case is dismissed when the local minister, repaying Idgie for helping his son. ———> Later revealed that Sipsey killed him when he attempted to claim his and Ruth's son.
- Evelyn starts work outside the home, selling Mary Kay Cosmetics. She also treats for negative symptoms of menopause. While on vacation, she receives a letter that Mrs. Threadgoode has died and left various trinkets for Evelyn.



Predictions

My predictions were correct. Ruth didn't go home. But I couldn't even imagine that her husband would be so violent. And I was shocked what happened to him next.

I'm also glad that I was right about Evelyn. At Mrs. Threadgoode's urging, she was treated for negative symptoms of menopause. Evelyn became happier.

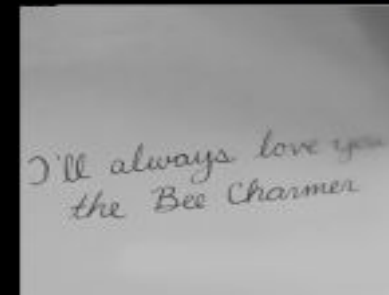
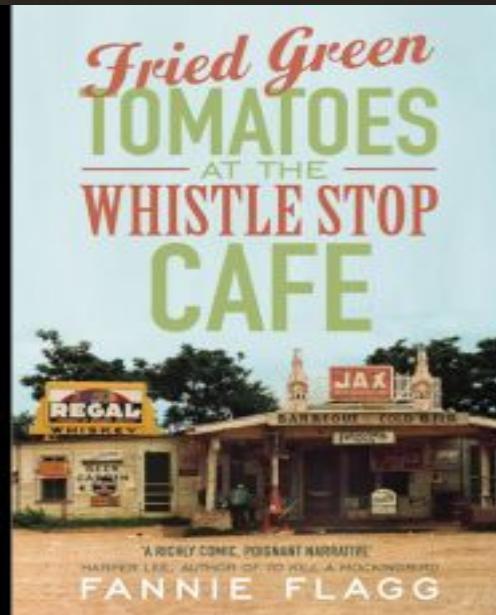


The main message of the book

The novel sends a strong message that you should stay true to yourself if you want to be happy. We can see this in Idgie's character. Idgie swore to herself and to Ruth that she would never let the rigid gender roles of society modify who she is. So, she remained faithful only to herself over the course the novel.



This book made me think that we should be more tolerant. Tolerant to colored people, to homosexuals, and to people who are different from us. The book tells about the times when colored people were discriminated in America. But Idgie didn't divide people into white and black, she helped everyone. I think, it's admirable.



Flagg's novel was turned into a film adaptation. The film was called *Fried Green Tomatoes*, and was released in 1991. The film was nominated for two Academy Awards and received an award from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).





Thanks for attention!