



# I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This

*By Jacqueline Woodson*

Download now

Read Online ➔

## **I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This** By Jacqueline Woodson

Twelve-year-old Marie is a leader among the popular black girls in Chauncey, Ohio, a prosperous black suburb. She isn't looking for a friend when Lena Bright, a white girl, appears in school. Yet they are drawn to each other because both have lost their mothers. And they know how to keep a secret. For Lena has a secret that is terrifying, and she's desperate to protect herself and her younger sister from their father. Marie must decide whether she can help Lena by keeping her secret...or by telling it.

↓ [Download I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This ...pdf](#)

# I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This

*By Jacqueline Woodson*

## **I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This** By Jacqueline Woodson

Twelve-year-old Marie is a leader among the popular black girls in Chauncey, Ohio, a prosperous black suburb. She isn't looking for a friend when Lena Bright, a white girl, appears in school. Yet they are drawn to each other because both have lost their mothers. And they know how to keep a secret. For Lena has a secret that is terrifying, and she's desperate to protect herself and her younger sister from their father. Marie must decide whether she can help Lena by keeping her secret...or by telling it.

## **I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This** By Jacqueline Woodson Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #587591 in Books
- Brand: Puffin
- Published on: 2010-11-11
- Released on: 2010-11-11
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.25" h x .44" w x 5.44" l, .30 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 160 pages

 [Download I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This ...pdf](#)

## **Editorial Review**

### **Amazon.com Review**

Two girls: one white, one black; one abused, one protected, both missing their mothers. An unlikely friendship ignites between the two, and, in sharing their differences, both of their lives are transformed. Jacqueline Woodson won a Coretta Scott King Honor for this moving, tightly written tale of friendship, racism, and loss. In a starred review, *The Horn Book* calls it a "haunting and beautifully poetic novel."

### **From Publishers Weekly**

This sensitive yet gritty novel about incest may be Woodson's ( *Between Madison and Palmetto* ) strongest work to date. Marie, the eighth-grade narrator, lives in an all-black suburb of Athens, Ohio, with her father; her mother, who has inherited money from her own parents, sends arty messages from the far-flung locales she has toured since leaving the family two years ago. Ignoring the sneers of her friends--and her father's warnings--Marie befriends "whitetrash" Lena, the new girl at school. Woodson confronts sticky questions about race head-on, with the result that her observations and her characterizations are all the more trustworthy. Her approach to the incest theme is less immediate but equally convincing--Marie receives Lena's restrained confidences about being molested, at first disbelieving Lena, then torn between her desire to help her friend and her promise not to tell anyone. Lena has tried all the textbook solutions--including reporting her father to the authorities--and has learned that outside interference only brings more trouble. Marie, struggling to cope with her mother's desertion, must accept Lena's disappearance, too, when Lena and her younger sister first decide to run away and then do flee. Told in adroitly sequenced flashbacks, Woodson's novel is wrenchingly honest and, despite its sad themes, full of hope and inspiration. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

### **From School Library Journal**

Grade 7 Up-This exceptional book is told from the viewpoint of Marie, a popular eighth grader in a predominantly black, middle-class school. When a poor white girl shows up mid-term, Marie finds herself drawn to Lena; both have recently lost their mothers. Despite social and familial pressures, an awkward friendship develops. Then Lena blurts out that her father is molesting her. Marie avoids her, unable to face the awfulness of what she's been told. When Lena confronts her, Marie in turn doubts that she is telling the truth, blames her friend, and then feels impotent rage. Lena shouts back, "'Don't be hating me. It ain't about me!'" Far from being a diatribe on child abuse, this novel explores the complex and often contradictory responses of individuals-and society-to the plight of abused children. With searing honesty, Woodson shows Lena's father for the damaged and pitiful person that he is. She raises questions for which society has no answers. By skillfully weaving together themes of abandonment, emotional maturation, and friendship across social and economic barriers, the author goes far deeper than the typical "problem novel." Lena's tragedy-her only recourse is to take her sister and run-is balanced by Marie's ability to come to terms with the loss of her mother and by her decision to tell her friend's story so that "maybe someday other girls like you and me can fly through this stupid world without being afraid." Lena's hope lies in the fact that she does break through, express her anger, and get out. While there are no easy answers for either girl, there is honesty, growth, and love in their relationship that gives young readers hope for the future.

*Carolyn Polese, Humboldt State Univ., Arcata, CA*

Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

**Douglas Barlow:**

Why don't make it to be your habit? Right now, try to prepare your time to do the important behave, like looking for your favorite book and reading a guide. Beside you can solve your short lived problem; you can add your knowledge by the publication entitled I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This. Try to stumble through book I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This as your close friend. It means that it can being your friend when you really feel alone and beside associated with course make you smarter than ever before. Yeah, it is very fortunated for you personally. The book makes you far more confidence because you can know almost everything by the book. So , let's make new experience and knowledge with this book.

**Juan Dishon:**

What do you regarding book? It is not important along? Or just adding material when you really need something to explain what the one you have problem? How about your spare time? Or are you busy particular person? If you don't have spare time to complete others business, it is make you feel bored faster. And you have spare time? What did you do? Every person has many questions above. They need to answer that question simply because just their can do that will. It said that about publication. Book is familiar in each person. Yes, it is right. Because start from on pre-school until university need that I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This to read.

**Tim Vazquez:**

This I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This book is not ordinary book, you have after that it the world is in your hands. The benefit you receive by reading this book will be information inside this publication incredible fresh, you will get information which is getting deeper you actually read a lot of information you will get. This I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This without we recognize teach the one who reading it become critical in contemplating and analyzing. Don't become worry I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This can bring whenever you are and not make your bag space or bookshelves' come to be full because you can have it inside your lovely laptop even telephone. This I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This having fine arrangement in word and layout, so you will not feel uninterested in reading.

**Haley Berg:**

As a university student exactly feel bored for you to reading. If their teacher expected them to go to the library or make summary for some book, they are complained. Just tiny students that has reading's internal or real their leisure activity. They just do what the educator want, like asked to go to the library. They go to right now there but nothing reading significantly. Any students feel that reading through is not important, boring and also can't see colorful images on there. Yeah, it is to get complicated. Book is very important for yourself. As we know that on this time, many ways to get whatever we want. Likewise word says, many ways to reach Chinese's country. Therefore this I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This can make you feel more interested to read.

**Download and Read Online I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By  
Jacqueline Woodson #KYM51DJQZOF**

## **Read I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson for online ebook**

I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson books to read online.

### **Online I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson ebook PDF download**

**I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson Doc**

**I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson Mobipocket**

**I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson EPub**

**KYM51DJQZOF: I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This By Jacqueline Woodson**