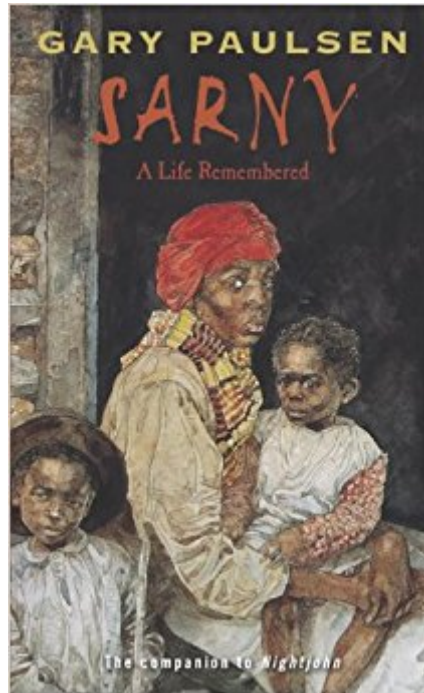




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Synopsis

So many readers have written and asked: What happened to Sarny, the young slave girl who learned to read in *Nightjohn*? Extraordinary things happened to her, from the moment she fled the plantation in the last days of the Civil War, suddenly a free woman in search of her sold-away children, until she found them and began a new life. Sarny's story gives a panoramic view of America in a time of trial, tragedy, and hoped-for change, until her last days in the 1930s. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

The Civil War is over, and Sarny has been released from the shackles of slavery. She's free, but what does that mean? This sequel to Gary Paulsen's acclaimed novel, *Nightjohn*, follows Sarny as she searches for her children after the war. Hope comes from surprising places, and soon Sarny finds herself in New Orleans, working, teaching, and building her life anew. Though the war is over, hatred and danger lurk around every corner, threatening her efforts to teach others to read. In *Sarny*, Paulsen creates a character that sparkles with heart and courage. His descriptions of her first days of freedom--her first lavender-scented bath, the sweet taste of canned peaches on bread--drip with immediacy. Sarny's story is so rich, so engaging that it's hard to say good-bye to

her when the book is over. Readers will find themselves on the edges of their seats, asking, "... and then what happened, Mr. Paulsen?" --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

A 94-year-old former slave recalls the years after the Civil War. PW called this sequel to Nightjohn "somewhat contrived" but a "page-turner." Ages 12-up. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is a great story. All children especially those who do not like to read should appreciate this book. Kids especially of African descent just don't realize it was once against the law to know how to read and count. Now, education is wide open and yet there are many of our children who don't take advantage of good education. It starts at home with parents. Build the foundation early on so our children can be ready for tomorrow. Again, I love it. Finish it in one day.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! It was very sad and heartbreaking, but it gave me a glimpse at what my ancestors went through.

VERY WELL WRITTEN, GOOD STORY, A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR 5TH GRADE, MIDDLE SCHOOL WOULD BE PERFECT.

it was nice to have a sequel to the story "Night john". However, the storyline for Nightjohn was very plausible while the storyline for Sarny was a little too contrived. The characters and interaction was well done and the societal observations were realistic. It was a good read as a sequel and gave my students closure which was missing at the end of Nightjohn.

Gary Paulsen is a wonderful writer. We found an excerpt of this story in "The Reading Detective 6th - 12th" edition. Which lead to the first book, "Nightjohn" by the same author which also lead us to the movie by the same name. The events are real and compelling.

This work is excellent to use for Black History Month. It is easy to read and understand. As a teacher you can use it to demonstrate the language that was spoken during that period of time and the hardships slaves had to endure. Great story for young people to read and easy to understand.

A little to cut and pasted.

This book is a sequel to the book, Nightjohn, by the same author. I consider it a "must read" for everyone age 10 years and older. But read Nightjohn first.

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