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*Linden Hills and The Women of Brewster Place* Nicole Marie Riotto 2012

**Study Guide** Supersummary 2019-09-08 SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 56-page guide for "Linden Hills" by Gloria Naylor includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 7 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like The American Dream and Racism, Racial Stereotypes, and Identity.

**Bailey's Cafe** Gloria Naylor 2017-03-14 A "moving and memorable" novel about a cafe where everyone has a story to tell from the award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place* (The Boston Globe). In post-World War II Brooklyn, on a quiet backstreet, there's a little place that draws people from all over—not for the food, and definitely not for the coffee. An in-between place that's only there when you need it, Bailey's Cafe is a crossroads where patrons stay for a while before making a choice: Move on or check out? In this novel, National Book Award-winning author Gloria Naylor's expertly crafted characters experience a journey full of beauty and heartbreak. Touching on gender, race, and the African American experience, Bailey's Cafe is "a sublime achievement" about the resilience of the human spirit (People). *Gloria Naylor* Charles E. Wilson 2001 Examines five novels by Gloria Naylor, showing the struggles faced by her African American characters, and presents biographical information showing her own struggles and successes.

*The figurative language in Gloria Naylor's "Linden Hills" and " Mama Day"* Olga Založnik 2002

**Linden Hills** Gloria Naylor 1986-03-04 A powerful look at an affluent black community from Gloria Naylor (1950-2016), the National Book Award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place* A world away from Brewster Place, yet intimately connected to it, lies Linden Hills. With its showcase homes, elegant lawns, and other trappings of Wealth, Linden Hills is not unlike other affluent black communities. But residence in this community is indisputable evidence of "making it." Although no one knows what the precise qualifications are, everyone knows that only certain people get to live there - and that they want to be among them. In a resonant novel that takes as it's model Dante's *Inferno*, Gloria Naylor reveals the truth about the American dream - that the price of success may very well be on a journey down to the lowest circle of hell. "With Linden Hills, Naylor has constructed a place for herself among the leading contemporary writers of fiction." -Los Angeles Times Book Review

*Linden Hills Counter Display* Gloria Naylor 1986-03-04

**Nineteen Ninety-six** Gloria Naylor 2005 After buying a house on St. Helena Island off the coast of South Carolina intending to relax and write in peace, an African-American author finds her tranquility ruined when a Jewish neighbor who feels threatened by her presence launches a large surveillance operation. *Constructs of "home" in Gloria Naylor's Quartet* Claudia Drieling 2011

**Burning Down the House** Jenny Elizabeth Mundell 2011

**Structure in Gloria Naylor's The Women of Brewster Place and Linden Hills** Mildred Mickle 1991 *Multicultural Criticism and the Problem of Critical Uniformity* Cathy E. Lombard 2002

**The Critical Response to Gloria Naylor** Sharon Felton 1997 Comprehensive collection of literary criticism on Gloria Naylor's *The Women of Brewster Place*, *Linden Hills*, *Mama Day*, and *Bailey's Cafe*. **The Cambridge Companion to Dante** Rachel Jacoff 2007-02-15 A fully updated new edition of this useful and accessible coursebook on Dante's works, context and reception history.

**Gloria Naylor** Shirley A. Stave 2001 "This collection of essays treats Gloria Naylor's novels *Mama Day* and *Bailey's Cafe*, recognized by scholars and critics as her most significant works. Long understood to be a major African-American woman writer, Gloria Naylor is finally gaining recognition as a contemporary American writer who needs no qualifiers or adjectives before her name. One of the few critical studies of her work, this text represents the work of a group of scholars who are looking seriously and carefully at Naylor, attempting to determine her place, not within an intellectual tradition, but rather within several traditions."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**The Fiction of Gloria Naylor** Maxine Lavon Montgomery 2010-11-26 The Fiction of Gloria Naylor is one of the very first critical studies of this acclaimed writer. Including an insightful interview with Naylor and focusing on her first four novels, the book situates various acts of insurgency throughout her work within a larger framework of African American opposition to hegemonic authority. But what truly distinguishes this volume is its engagement with African American vernacular forms and twentieth-century political movements. In her provocative analysis, Maxine Lavon Montgomery argues that Naylor constantly attempts to reconfigure the home and homespace to be more conducive to black self-actualization, thus providing a stark contrast to a dominant white patriarchy evident in a broader public sphere. Employing a postcolonial and feminist theoretical framework to analyze Naylor's evolving body of work, Montgomery pays particular attention to black slave historiography, tales of conjure, trickster lore, and oral devices involving masking, word play, and code-switching—the vernacular strategies that have catapulted Naylor to the vanguard of contemporary African American letters. Montgomery argues for the existence of home as a place that is not exclusively architectural or geographic in nature. She posits that in Naylor's writings home exists as an intermediate space embedded in cultural memory and encoded in the vernacular. Home closely resembles a highly symbolic, signifying system bound with vexed issues of racial sovereignty as well as literary authority. Through a re-inscription of the subversive, frequently clandestine acts of resistance on the part of the border subject—those outside the dominant culture—Naylor recasts space in such a way as to undermine reader expectation and destabilize established models of dominance, influence, and control. Thoroughly researched and sophisticated in its approach, *The Fiction of Gloria Naylor* will be essential reading for scholars and students of African American, American, and Africana Literary and Cultural studies. Maxine Lavon Montgomery is the author of *The Apocalypse in African-American Fiction* and the editor of *Conversations with Gloria Naylor*. Her articles have appeared in *African-American Review*, *College Language Association Journal*, and *The Literary Griot*. She is an associate professor in the English department at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

**The Novels of Gloria Naylor** Gloria Naylor 2018-04-17 Three lyrical and unforgettable novels from the National Book Award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place*. After winning both the National Book Award and the American Book Award for her now iconic debut novel, *The Women of Brewster Place*, which was later made into a TV miniseries starring Oprah Winfrey, Gloria Naylor continued to garner acclaim as one of the most original voices in twentieth-century American literature with novels such as *Mama Day*, *Linden Hills*, and *Bailey's Cafe*. *Mama Day*: On Willow Springs, an island off the coast between Georgia and South Carolina, superstition is more potent than any trappings of the modern world. Here, the formidable *Mama Day* uses her powers to heal. But her great-niece, *Cocoa*, can't wait to escape to New York City. When *Cocoa* returns to the island with her husband, *George*, darker forces challenge the couple—and their only hope may be the mystical matriarch. Steeped in the folklore of the South and inspired by Shakespeare, *Mama Day* is one of Naylor's "richest and most complex" novels (*Providence Journal*). "[A] wonderful novel, full of spirit and sass and wisdom, and completely realized." —The Washington Post *Linden Hills*: For its wealthy African American residents, the exclusive neighborhood of *Linden Hills* is a symbol of making it. But what happens when the dream of material success turns out to be an empty promise? Using Dante's *Inferno* as a model, Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of *Linden Hills*—a hell of their own making. "Every page contains a brilliant insight, a fine description, some petty and human, some grandiloquent." —Chicago Tribune *Bailey's Cafe*: This "moving and memorable" national bestseller is set in post-World War II Brooklyn, on a quiet backstreet, where *Bailey's Cafe* serves as a crossroads for a broad range of patrons, a place of limbo for tortured souls before they move on—or check out (*Boston Globe*). "A virtuoso orchestration of survival, suffering, courage and humor." —The New York Times Book Review

**Linden Hills** Gloria Naylor 2017-03-14 The National Book Award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place* explores the secrets of an affluent black community. For its wealthy African American residents, the exclusive neighborhood of *Linden Hills* is a symbol of "making it." The ultimate achievement: a home on prestigious *Tupelo Drive*. Making your way downhill to *Tupelo* is irrefutable proof of your worth.

But the farther down the hill you go, the emptier you become . . . Using the descent of Dante's *Inferno* as a model, this bold, haunting novel follows two young men as they attempt to find work amid the circles of the well-off community. Exploring a microcosm of race and social class, author Gloria Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of *Linden Hills*—an existence trapped in a nightmare of their own making.

**Reading Black, Reading Feminist** Henry Louis Gates 1990-10-30 Essays examine the Black feminist viewpoint in literature

**The Contemporary African American Novel** Bernard W. Bell 2004 In 1987 Bernard W. Bell published "The Afro-American Novel and Its Tradition", a comprehensive interpretive history of more than 150 novels written by African Americans from 1853 to 1983. This is a sequel and companion to the earlier work, expanding the coverage to 2001.

**Linden Hills** Gloria Naylor 2022-09-12 Linden Hills - wer hier lebt, hat es geschafft. Elegante Häuser und perfekt gepflegte Rasen säumen die acht Ringstraßen, die sich den Hügel hinabwinden. Lester und sein bester Kumpel Willie, beide verflucht knapp bei Kasse, verabscheuen die noble Klientel, reinigen aber für ein paar Dollar ihre Auffahrten und Pools. Vorbei an glänzenden Fassaden und übertünchten Rissen arbeiten sie sich Straße für Straße den Hügel hinunter. Bis ganz nach unten, wo Luther Nedeed, das Epizentrum der Macht, ein finsternes Geheimnis hütet. Gloria Naylor enthüllt, wie die Menschen für den American Dream mit ihrer Seele bezahlen und wie das funkelnde Versprechen eines besseren Lebens in schneidende Niedertracht zersplittert.

*Gloria Naylor* Henry L. Gates 1999-08-01 In the history of the African-American literary tradition, perhaps no author has been immersed in the formal history of that tradition than Gloria Naylor. As an undergraduate student of Afro-American literature at Brooklyn College and a graduate student of Afro-American studies at Yale, Naylor has analyzed the works of her male and female antecedents in a manner that was impossible before the late seventies. And, while she is a citizen of the republic of literature in the broadest and most cosmopolitan sense, her work suggest formal linkage to that of Ann Petry, James Baldwin, and, more recently, Toni Morrison. -- from the Preface by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

**Gloria Naylor** Gloria Naylor 1993 "Gloria Naylor's first published book of fiction won her the American Book Award. The *Women of Brewster Place* was a dramatic launch for a successful literary career that is still on the ascendant. Like Alice Walker, Naylor has earned a reputation associated with both critical and commercial success; she is respected in academic circles and acknowledged in the world of popular culture. Both have had a best-selling novel translated into successful movies. Both are recognized as well for speaking out for the rights of women and on other social issues." "Gloria Naylor: Critical Perspectives Past and Present documents the contributions of her work to the African-American and American literary traditions. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and K. A. Appiah collected reviews that, Gates says, "attest to Naylor's important, if sometimes controversial, place in the expanding canon of American letters." Culled from newspapers and magazines, reviews from writers such as Donna Rifkind have identified her as having a "commanding fictional voice" that "at its best, it's the kind of voice that moves you along as if you were dreaming. But it runs the risk, at its worst, of overpowering the voices of her own carefully imagined characters."" "Naylor's work impresses scholars in part because she herself is one. Her novels are ambitious creations often inspired by her appreciation of literary masters such as Shakespeare, Dante, Morrison. *Linden Hills*, for example, is an adaptation of Dante's *Inferno*, while *Mama Day* wears the impression of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*." "Gates and Appiah make the point, though, that Naylor is her own person. In one of the essays chosen for this volume Peter Erickson writes, "Naylor's work provides a valuable test case for how we are going to formulate a multicultural approach to literary studies. Naylor's interest in Shakespeare neither translates into kinship nor supports a mode of continuity; the main note is rather one of conflict and difference.... Shakespeare does not assimilate Naylor; Naylor assimilates Shakespeare."" "This unique and revealing collection includes the wisdom and insight of other important figures in contemporary literature as well as a chronology of Naylor's life and career. There are novelists Rita Mae Brown, Bharati Mukherjee, and Sherley Ann Williams, as well as Barbara Christian, author of *Black Feminist Literary Criticism*. These informed perspectives offer academics and lay readers alike insight into Naylor the artist and Naylor the woman."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**His-story, Her-story** Sharese L. Terrell 2000

**Gloria Naylor's Black Sense and Sensibility** Dr. T. Deivasigamani

**The Men of Brewster Place** Gloria Naylor 1999-04-21 Naylor returns to the fictional neighborhood, this time focusing on the men behind the women who inhabited that desolate block of row houses, telling their tragic, sad, funny, and heroic stories.

*No Crystal Stair* Mairuth Sarsfield 2004 Marion Willow, a proud young widow, must work at two jobs to ensure that her three girls develop life styles not hindered by class and colour.

**The Women of Brewster Place** Gloria Naylor 2005-06-28 The National Book Award-winning novel—and contemporary classic—that launched the brilliant career of Gloria Naylor “[A] shrewd and lyrical portrayal of many of the realities of black life . . . Miss Naylor bravely risks sentimentality and melodrama to write her compassion and outrage large, and she pulls it off triumphantly.” —The New York Times Book Review This e-book includes a foreword by Tayari Jones. In her heralded first novel, Gloria Naylor weaves together the stories of seven women living in Brewster Place, a bleak-inner city sanctuary, creating a powerful, moving portrait of the strengths, struggles, and hopes of black women in America. Vulnerable and resilient, openhanded and openhearted, these women forge their lives in a place that in turn threatens and protects—a common prison and a shared home. Naylor renders both loving and painful human experiences with simple eloquence and uncommon intuition. Adapted into a 1989 ABC miniseries starring Oprah Winfrey, *The Women of Brewster Place* is a touching and unforgettable read.

**Linden Hills** Gloria Naylor 2022-11-03 By the bestselling author of *The Women of Brewster Place* With its showcase homes and manicured lawns, an address in the wealthy Black American neighbourhood of *Linden Hills* is a symbol that you've made it. The ultimate achievement: a home on prestigious *Tupelo Drive*. Making your way downhill to *Tupelo* is irrefutable proof of your worth. But the farther down the hill you go, the emptier you become and the price of success may well be a journey down to the lowest circle of hell. As two young friends - poets from the wrong side of town - look to earn extra Christmas money doing odd jobs in *Linden Hills*, their warmth, humour and disbelief exposes the hypocrisy of life on the 'right' side of the tracks. Exploring a microcosm of race and social class, Gloria Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of *Linden Hills*.

**The Temple of My Familiar** Alice Walker 2011-12-29 'A romance of the last 500,000 years' from the Pulitzer prize winning author of *THE COLOR PURPLE*. A visionary cast of characters weave together their past and present in a brilliantly intricate tapestry of tales.It is the story of the dispossessed and displaced, of peoples whose history is ancient and whose future is yet to come. Here we meet Lissie, a woman of many pasts; Arveyda the great guitarist and his Latin American wife who has had to flee her homeland; Suwelo, the history teacher, and his former wife Fanny who has fallen in love with spirits. Hovering tantalisingly above their stories are Miss Celie and Shug, the beloved characters from *THE COLOUR PURPLE*.

**Abjection and Order** Daniel Thater 2017 Octavia Butler's *Wild Seed* and *Dawn*, and Gloria Naylor's *Linden Hills* are three novels that expose the abjection of their black, maternal protagonists that is enacted by their rulers, masters, and patriarchs. This abjection renders the female protagonists as not wholly human. The grotesque, as I am using it, is the blurring of the category of the human and, by rendering these women grotesque, the patriarchal figures of the novel attempt to establish a stable social order that is founded on the control of the bodies of these black females. I use Kristeva, Foucault, and Wynter to provide a language of the grotesque with which to approach these texts. Ultimately, the abjection of the black female protagonists exposes histories of slavery and the use of black female for childrearing and child-bearing machines. When considering the texts together, the authors bring to light a past history of abjection that is rooted in slavery and colonialism (*Wild Seed*), a contemporary look at the dependence on black female bodies (*Linden Hills*), and a projection into the future that locates race and gender alongside a discussion of speciesism (*Dawn*). I want to argue that these authors situate the abjection of their female protagonists as an artificially imposed category and one that is directly connected to the maintaining of the social order within the novels.

**Conversations with Gloria Naylor** Gloria Naylor 2004 Collected interviews with the author of *The Women of Brewster Place*, *The Men of Brewster Place*, and *Linden Hills*

**Caul Baby** Morgan Jerkins 2021-04-06 Now in paperback, New York Times bestselling author Morgan Jerkins's fiction debut, an electrifying novel for fans of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Jacqueline Woodson, that brings to life one powerful and enigmatic family in a tale rife with secrets, betrayal, intrigue, and magic.

Laila desperately wants to become a mother, but each of her previous pregnancies has ended in heartbreak. This time has to be different, so she turns to the Melancons, an old and powerful Harlem family known for their caul, a precious layer of skin that is the secret source of their healing power. When a deal for Laila to acquire a piece of caul falls through, she is heartbroken, but when the child is stillborn, she is overcome with grief and rage. What she doesn't know is that a baby will soon be delivered in her family—by her niece, Amara, an ambitious college student—and delivered to the Melancons to raise as one of their own. Hallow is special: she's born with a caul, and their matriarch, Maman, predicts the girl will restore the family's prosperity. Growing up, Hallow feels that something in her life is not right. Did Josephine, the woman she calls mother, really bring her into the world? Why does her cousin Helena get to go to school and roam the streets of New York freely while she's confined to the family's decrepit brownstone? As the Melancons' thirst to maintain their status grows, Amara, now a successful lawyer running for district attorney, looks for a way to avenge her longstanding grudge against the family. When mother and daughter cross paths, Hallow will be forced to decide where she truly belongs. Engrossing, unique, and page-turning, *Caul Baby* illuminates the search for familial connection, the enduring power of tradition, and the dark corners of the human heart.

**Mama Day** Gloria Naylor 2017-03-14 A "wonderful novel" steeped in the folklore of the South from the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Women of Brewster Place* (The Washington Post Book World). On an island off the coast of Georgia, there's a place where superstition is more potent than any trappings of the modern world. In Willow Springs, the formidable Mama Day uses her powers to heal. But her great niece, Cocoa, can't wait to get away. In New York City, Cocoa meets George. They fall in love and marry quickly. But when she finally brings him home to Willow Springs, the island's darker forces come into play. As their connection is challenged, Cocoa and George must rely on Mama Day's mysticism. Told from multiple perspectives, *Mama Day* is equal parts star-crossed love story, generational saga, and exploration of the supernatural. Hailed as Gloria Naylor's "richest and most complex" novel, it is the kind of book that stays with you long after the final page (Providence Journal).

**Methods of Intertextuality in Gloria Naylor's Linden Hills** Christine G. Berg 1997 This project complicates the distinctions between two often polarized visions in American literature: between legitimized canonical works and marginalized multicultural works. In *Gloria Naylor's Linden Hills*, multicultural experience and canonical text intersect in the characters of Lester Tilson and Willie K. Mason, the two young male African American protagonists who admire and even memorize the poetry of "dead white males" (among others) and are poets themselves. Naylor employs two intertextual strategies in the novel, one recognized by critics and another heretofore uncelebrated. First, Naylor alludes to Dante's *Inferno*, as she patterns the journey that Willie and Lester take into the community of Linden Hills against

the descent that Dante and Virgil follow into Hell. Naylor herself calls attention to her borrowings from Dante, and several scholars have begun to analyze their literary relationship. Second, Naylor incorporates three canonical American poems by quoting them in the text of her narrative: "Whoever You are Holding Me Now in Hand" by Walt Whitman, "Cuisine Bourgeoise" by Wallace Stevens, and "Gerontion" by T.S. Eliot. Using the variety of textual approaches categorized under the umbrella term of intertextuality, I examine each of these references separately, for the individual importance of each in the novel, and together, for their collective effect overall. Ultimately, I am concerned with the implications of Naylor's revisions of works belonging to the canons of Western and American literature and of her version of the vitality of those works for her African American characters in *Linden Hills*.

**Gloria Naylor** Virginia C. Fowler 1996 Twayne's United States Authors, English Authors, and World Authors Series present concise critical introductions to great writers and their works. Devoted to critical interpretation and discussion of an author's work, each study takes account of major literary trends and important scholarly contributions and provides new critical insights with an original point of view. An Authors Series volume addresses readers ranging from advanced high school students to university professors. The book suggests to the informed reader new ways of considering a writer's work. Each volume features: -- A critical, interpretive study and explication of the author's works -- A brief biography of the author -- An accessible chronology outlining the life, the work, and relevant historical context -- Aids for further study: complete notes and references, a selected annotated bibliography and an index -- A readable style presented in a manageable length

**Gloria Naylor's Fiction** Sharon A. Lewis 2017-11-06 This edited volume offers innovative ways of analyzing economics in Gloria Naylor's fiction, using interpretive strategies which are applicable to the entire tradition of African American literature. The writers gathered here embody years of insightful and vigorous Naylor scholarship. Underpinning each of the essays is a celebratory validation that Naylor is one of the most provocative novelists of our time.

**Freedom Readers** Dennis Looney 2011 Introduction. Canonicity, hybridity, freedom ; Sailing with Dante to the new world ; The Dante wax museum on the frontier, 1828 -- Colored Dante. Dante the Protestant. Abolitionists and nationalists, Americans and Italians ; H. Cordelia Ray, William Wells Brown -- Negro Dante. Educating the people: from Cicero to Du Bois ; African American filmmaker at the gates of Hell ; Spencer Williams ; Dante meets Amos 'n' Andy ; Ralph Waldo Ellison's prophetic vernacular muse -- Black Dante. LeRoi Jones, The system of Dante's hell ; A new narrative model ; Amiri Baraka: From Dante's system to the system -- African American Dante. Gloria Naylor, *Linden Hills* ; Multicolored, Multicultural Terza Rima ; Toni Morrison, *The Bluest eye* ; Dante Rap -- Poets in exile.

**Linden Hills** Gloria Naylor 1986

**Understanding Gloria Naylor** Margaret Earley Whitt 1999 Whitt discloses how Naylor tells the stories of these women on multiple levels and how she helps readers see that all heroines live a life of significance."--BOOK JACKET. "Tracing Naylor's development of the theme of black community, especially among women, Whitt shows how characters move from poverty and isolation to a place where they transcend the racism and sexism that constrict their lives."--BOOK JACKET.