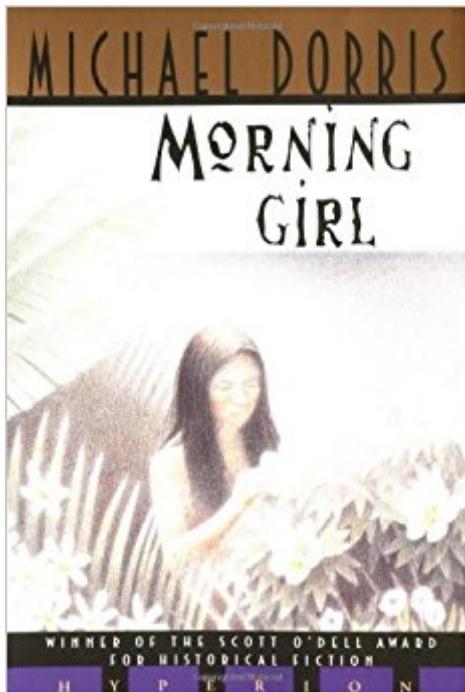


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# Morning Girl



## Synopsis

The award-winning author of *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* presents a tale based on an entry in the diary of Christopher Columbus that tells of a native family living in a vibrant community striving to coexist with the natural world.

## Book Information

Age Range: 9 and up

Lexile Measure: 980 (What's this?)

Paperback: 80 pages

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## Customer Reviews

A peaceful, tropical world is the setting for *Morning Girl*, a simple yet rich glimpse into the lives of a young sister and brother. *Morning Girl* and *Star Boy* grapple with timeless, universal issues such as experiencing simultaneous anger and love toward family members and the quest to discover the true self. As all siblings do, these children respond to, play off of, and learn from each other.

Precisely where *Morning Girl* and *Star Boy* are growing up is not revealed, but it's clearly a place where the residents have no modern amenities. Living in harmony with nature is a necessary priority here, and--given the descriptive names of the characters--a Native Indian culture seems likely. But not until the epilogue do readers discover that the story takes place in 1492. Suddenly we realize that the strange-looking visitors *Morning Girl* welcomes to shore are not as harmless as they may appear. The excerpt from Christopher Columbus's journal provides an ominous footnote: these gentle people, who seem so very much like us, will not be permitted their idyllic existence much

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In a starred, boxed review, PW praised this "soulful, affecting portrait" of a Bahamian family in 1492. Ages 8-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I Am thirteen and I read Morning Girl for a unit on the Age of Exploration. I would recommend this book to other children studying the Age of Exploration. Morning Girl is about a girl named Morning Girl because she gets up when the sun gets up. The book alternates narrators between Morning Girl and her brother Star Boy. In the story they live through storms and other hardships. Some times they loose just the roof, other times a loved one. I would give this book 4 1/2 stars because when I read it in the end it says that Morning Girl meets explorers but it does not say who it is and I think this would confuse young readers. I felt that the book was complex and always changing even though I understood it perfectly well. To me it was sort of compelling.

I purchased this book for my 4th grader. The reading level is pretty simple for 4th grade and could probably be read by most 3rd graders as well. The story is told in turns by a sister and brother. The story was interesting and kept us reading, but the epilogue is what really made the story intriguing! Highly recommend.

This book describes a girl's life in the Caribbean just as Columbus "discovered" it. Michael Dorris was a wonderful, talented writer for adults, and I was pleased to find this book written at the level my 11-year-old daughter could understand it. I'd say it's probably best for age 11-14 or so.

A beautifully written book. Meaningful to adults and children alike.

"I don't tell this to anyone because they might misunderstand, but I like the aloneness of the early morning.... Another thing: if the day starts before you do, you never catch up. You spend all your time running after what you should have already done, and no matter how much you hurry, you never finish the race in a tie. The day wins."These are the words of Morning Girl, and they describe exactly my own thoughts.In 1992, when Morning Girl was released, it was critically acclaimed by Booklist, Publishers Weekly, the NY Times Book Review and others. But it seems from the reviews that few have read it. What a shame. The prose of Michael Dorris is gentle, lilting and warm. He is

not didactic in his lessons, but shares the wisdom of his culture in a subtle way. I love the format of this book; first Morning Girl gives us her point of view, then her brother, Star Boy, offers a different perspective. The chapters alternate between the two young voices. As with the other children's books by this author, this is a book that is a wonderful read-aloud choice. However, because of its depth and message, it stands as a novel for all ages. Truly lyrical.

Great, fast delivery!

Great 5th grade book

This book was something I had to read for a class so I figured rather than fight for it at the library with other people from class I would just order a copy, it was cheap enough. It's a pretty good book and I can give it to one of my younger siblings to read now that I own it. It arrived quickly and is a nice quick read. It was in like new condition.

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