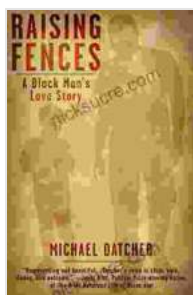


# Raising Fences: A Black Man's Love Story

By August Wilson

Raising Fences is a play by August Wilson that tells the story of a black man named Troy Maxson living in Pittsburgh in the 1950s. Troy is a former baseball player who now works as a garbage collector. He is a proud and strong man, but he is also struggling to come to terms with his past and his place in the world.



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Troy's wife, Rose, is a loving and supportive woman who has always been there for him. However, she is also aware of Troy's flaws and she knows that he can be difficult to live with at times. Despite their challenges, Troy and Rose have a strong love for each other.

Troy and Rose have two sons, Lyons and Cory. Lyons is Troy's older son and he is a talented musician. Cory is Troy's younger son and he is a

promising baseball player. Troy loves both of his sons, but he has different expectations for each of them.

Troy wants Lyons to follow in his footsteps and become a musician. However, Lyons has his own dreams and he wants to become a pilot. Troy is disappointed by Lyons' decision, but he eventually comes to accept it.

Troy has high hopes for Cory and he wants him to become a professional baseball player. Cory is a talented player, but he is also a headstrong young man. He is determined to make his own choices and he often clashes with his father.

Troy's relationship with his sons is strained at times, but he loves them both dearly. He wants what is best for them and he is willing to do whatever it takes to help them succeed.

Raising Fences is a moving and powerful story about family, love, and loss. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

## **Characters**

### **Troy Maxson**



Troy Maxson is a complex and flawed character. He is a proud and strong man, but he is also stubborn and set in his ways. He loves his family, but he can also be difficult to live with at times. Troy is a man of contradictions and he is constantly struggling to find his place in the world.

## **Rose Maxson**



Rose Maxson is a strong and resilient woman. She has been through a lot in her life, but she has never given up on Troy. She loves him unconditionally and she is determined to make their marriage work.

## **Lyons Maxson**



Lyons Maxson is a dreamer. He has big plans for his life and he is not afraid to go after what he wants. He is a talented musician and he has a bright future ahead of him.

**Cory Maxson**



Cory Maxson is a talented baseball player. He has a bright future ahead of him, but he is also a headstrong young man. He is determined to make his own choices and he often clashes with his father.

## **Themes**

### **Family**

Family is the central theme of *Raising Fences*. The play explores the complex relationships between fathers and sons, husbands and wives, and brothers and sisters. Troy Maxson is a flawed father, but he loves his sons dearly. He wants what is best for them and he is willing to do whatever it takes to help them succeed.

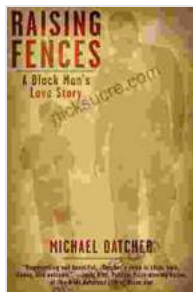
## Love

Love is another important theme in *Raising Fences*. The play explores the different types of love, including the love between a husband and wife, the love between a parent and child, and the love between siblings. Troy and Rose Maxson have a strong love for each other, but their relationship is not always easy. They have to overcome many challenges, but they always come through in the end.

## Loss

Loss is a major theme in *Raising Fences*. The play explores the different types of loss, including the loss of a loved one, the loss of a dream, and the loss of oneself. Troy Maxson has lost a lot in his life, including his baseball career and his son Lyons. He is struggling to come to terms with his losses, but he is determined to keep going.

*Raising Fences* is a moving and powerful story about family, love, and loss. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. The play is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the African American experience.



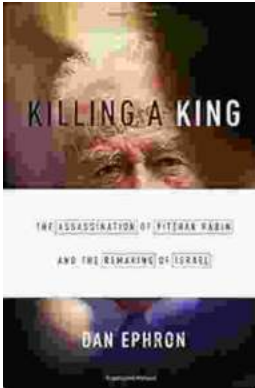
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