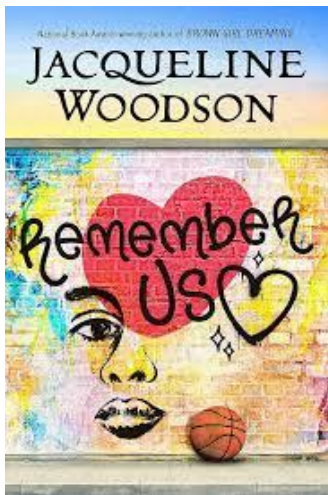


Remember Us

By Jacqueline Woodson

In the book *Remember Us* by Jacqueline Woodson, the setting is a neighborhood called Bushwick. The main character's name is Sage. She lives on a street called Palmetto Street. This story takes place in a neighborhood in a Brooklyn community. In the book Sage likes to play basketball. By her house there is a basketball court. The mood or feeling that the setting evokes is sadness, loss, and happiness but only a little. The setting helps to create the tone of the story because the tone of the story is



sadness and loss of houses. So how the setting helps the tone of the story is that houses are burning down and people are losing their homes. At the end of the book, Sage moves to Hollis, Queens.

The main characters' names are Sage and Freddy. Sage is lonely and serious and sad. Freddy is outgoing and funny and kind. Sage likes to play basketball on a court near her house. Freddy likes to play basketball with her. He also likes to visit his family that live far from him. Sage's mom wants to move away from her house. Sage does not want to move because her dad lived in her house all his life. But her mom wants to move anyway.

The problem in my book was that houses were burning down because of fires everywhere. One day Sage says that she saw a billboard that had smokey bear on it. He said "only you can prevent forest fires". Sage said that she saw that Smoky had a tear in his eye. Sage felt sad. The solution was that she moved away from her beloved Brooklyn community to Hollis, Queens.

The themes of the story are belonging and remembrance. Some text evidence to support my themes would be, after the year of fire vines rise up through the rest of our lives of smoke of flame of memory. As if to say we are still here, as if to say remember us. In the orange and gold and blue I am reminded again Of the year when Sirens screamed Through my old neighborhood And smoke always seems to be billowing. The Daily News called our neighborhood the matchbox. All the sweetness in the world was waiting And that sweetness would remain with me. forever.

I liked this book because it was detailed and really focused on showing the theme of the story. I liked that it keeps you on the edge of your chair. I disliked the book because at one point in the story Sage's friend died in a fire. Another thing I did not like about the book was that it was just sad and depressing. The book was pretty believable but not predictable. My favorite part of the book was when Sage starts a team of people

to play basketball. Another thing I liked about the book was that Sage will always remember her old home. I give this book a 4.7 star rating because I really liked it a lot but it was really sad and depressing.