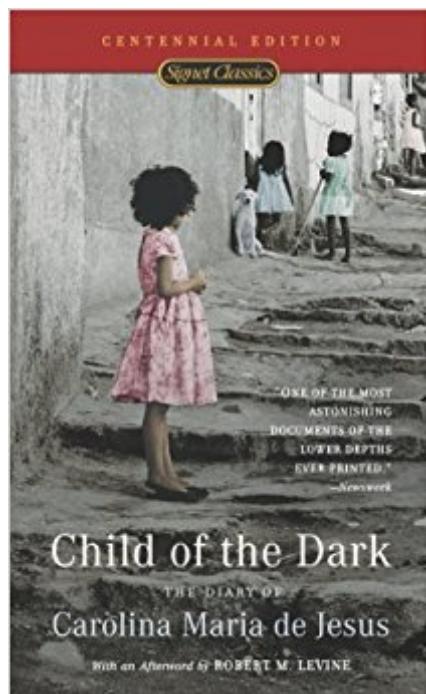


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# Child Of The Dark: The Diary Of Carolina Maria De Jesus



## Synopsis

The powerful firsthand account of life in the streets of São Paulo that drew international attention to the plight of the poor. Includes eight pages of photographs and an afterword by Robert M. Levine. Translated from the Portuguese by David S. Clair

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Written between 1955 and 1960, *Child of the Dark* is the daily journal of an artist, a writer who, as the single mother of three young children, supports her family by picking through garbage for paper and scraps to sell. They live in a cardboard and wood-scrap shack in a Brazilian slum called the favelas, where there is no plumbing, and one public cold-water spigot is the only clean water source for several hundred people. Her journal documents the lives favelados are forced to live....Carolina de Jesus is a poet of intense dignity. A haunting chronicle, a dramatic document of the dispossessed that both shocks and moves the reader. A New York Herald Tribune said, "It is a minor classic...because it is one of the very few books that have ever been written about the lowest and the poorest, les misérables, by one of themselves." Horizon said, "It is both an ugly book and a touchingly beautiful book. It carries protest and it carries compassion. There is even bitter humor. As a fast-paced and strangely observant account of sheer misery, *Child of the Dark* is an immensely disturbing study of what can happen to a segment of the population of one of the world's potentially wealthiest nations. A rarely matched essay on the meaning and feeling of hunger, degradation, and

want.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€•The New York Times Book ReviewÃ¢â€•Ã¢â€•

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This is a wonderful description of life in Brazils favela. Even though Carolina wrote this 60 years ago, one can still see the correlation to todays life among the favelados.

I was looking for a history of Brazil, and this book gave a real insight into the favelas.and how the very poor lived. It clarified many issues for me about the country and the people. It also gives a picture of a person of great character and how her struggle and daily battle for existance elevated her and destroyied her. I highly recommend it for any who seek to understand the human condition at the most stressed level. A classic. Should be required reading.

Tremendous life lesson book. She is a living proof, live at favela is anything but romantic! It is a shame a society allows leaders to let people live at those conditions.

It has been years since I read this but it was required for a college humanities class and I still remember the story so I know it is a wonderful book full of personal insights by the author and very educational for the reader. I bought this copy to give to one of my daughters.

Caroline Maria de Jusus was born a[...] in poverty and went to only the second grade. She lived most of her adult life in poverty and her children were labeled [...]. She wanted to write and did. She became a writer of international reputation. Her book has been read by people around the world and in the United States. Her work stands with that of Victor Frankl in "MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING," and "BLACK ELK SPEAKS" an American Sioux, and with Frederick Douglass' NARRATIVE LIFE.CHILD OF THE DARK, is a must read for anyone who wants to understand and to challenge the values and standards of a civilization (ours) that degrades human life for fun and profit.

A great book for earning insight into a seemingly past world. Not the most thrilling book but educational and interesting. Makes you appreciate all you have.

Beautifully written. There is limited editing so you can get the honest feel that Carolina Maria de Jesus intended. You envision her days from start to end, going through those rough days with her. An honest glimpse in to the slums of Brazil that are often times hidden.

An invaluable view into a society which is largely unknown to Americans

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