

THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS SYNOPSIS

The Warmth of Other Suns is a non-fiction work that presents a narrative account of the Great Migration, the movement of six million Black Americans who left the South in search of a better life in the West and North. Author Isabel Wilkerson describes the migration through the personal stories of three individuals—Ida Mae Gladney, George Starling, and Robert Foster—that left the South between 1937–1953. The three travelers faced numerous barriers to their journey, from difficult travel conditions to racial prejudice and violence, but persisted nonetheless in their pursuits of opportunity and personal freedom. The book explores why many chose to migrate, why some chose to stay in the South, and how the migration transformed the American cultural landscape.