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Hidden Figures Book Précis

“Hidden Figures” is a non-fiction novel, written by the American writer, Margot Lee Shetterly. The book was widely acclaimed by both the readers and the critics equally and it secured a place in the “The New York Times Non-Fiction Best Sellers” list. The book was also rewarded with the Anisfield-Wolf Book Reward for non-fiction in 2017. It was adapted as a film by the same name. It got released in 2016 and was nominated for three Oscars, apart from receiving numerous other rewards.

Hidden figures is an account of the real-life of four daring females Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, Christine Darden and Mary Jackson, who worked as a “human computers” at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). They were mathematicians and worked very hard to fight the forces of discrimination against gender and race. Set in 1961, the story revolves around the struggle of these ladies who never gave up against the prevailing evils of gender-based and racial discrimination. They proved that although they are women and belong to the African American race, still they are no less than anyone and can excel in any field, even the space sciences. One of the females out of them, Christine Darden, even got promoted to the post of Senior Executive Service for her outstanding performance.

In a nutshell, the non-fiction publication, "Hidden Figures" is a must-read for the people of all age groups especially females and young girls. It gives a lesson of bravery and unbeatable passion and teaches the readers never to give up on their dreams, no matter how hard the situation is. The four real-life characters, portrayed in the book arise as a true inspiration for the young generation. Moving from the cold time period of World War II towards the golden era of NASA, the book excellently gives the glimpses of the civil rights movement, women rights movement, the Space Race and Cold War.

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