

As i lay dying william faulkner

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What is Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying" about? Plot summary The book is narrated by 15 different characters over 59 chapters. It is the story of the death of Addie Bundren and her poor, rural family's quest to honor her wish to be buried in her hometown of Jefferson, Mississippi as well as the motives—noble or selfish—they show on the journey.

Why is As I Lay Dying controversial? William Faulkner's classic, As I Lay Dying, has been banned by several US school districts. One Kentucky district removed it from the curriculum for obscenity, using God's name in vain, and the mentions of abortion and reincarnation.

What is the main point of the story As I Lay Dying? At the most basic level, As I Lay Dying is a novel about the Bundrens and their family quest to fulfill the wish of their deceased wife and mother Addie Bundren to be buried beside her family members in Jefferson, Mississippi.

What is the message of As I Lay Dying? As I Lay Dying is not only about mortality insofar as it concerns Addie Bundren's death. More deeply, the novel explores the theme of mortality by showing each of Addie's family members, loved ones, and other acquaintances offer unique responses to her death, attempting to make sense of the nature of existence.

What are the criticism of As I Lay Dying Faulkner? Faulkner seems to write of what is horrible purely from a desire to shock his readers or else because it holds for him a fascination from which he cannot altogether escape. There are still moments when his furious contempt for the human species seems a little callow.

Is *As I Lay Dying* an easy read? *As I Lay Dying* is full of short, easy-to-understand sentences, but it is in no way an easy read. Faulkner makes you work for comprehension.

What is the main conflict in *As I Lay Dying*? Darl's struggle to grasp the significance of life and death while contending with the harsh and self-serving nature of his family members, however, emerges as arguably the most central conflict of the novel.

What does the cow represent in *As I Lay Dying*? The cow, swollen with milk, signifies to Dewey Dell the unpleasantness of being stuck with an unwanted burden.

Is *As I Lay Dying* a satire? Some have argued that *As I Lay Dying* is primarily a satire of the rural poor, while others have made the case that it is a more serious portrait of psychological tensions in a family under strain. Perhaps the novel is best described as a tragicomedy, a work with elements of both tragedy and comedy mixed together.

What happens to Cash at the end of *As I Lay Dying*? Near the end of William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*, Cash Bundren lies in the office of Peabody, the town doctor, his leg broken and in a cast made of concrete.

Why does Darl burn the barn in *As I Lay Dying*? Why does Darl burn the barn? While Darl himself does not offer an explanation as to why he sets fire Gillespie's barn on fire, Cash's reflections on the incident suggest that his brother wanted to save his mother from the absurdity of their journey to Jefferson.

Are *As I Lay Dying* Christians? In 2014, Lambesis said that although they were marketed as a Christian band, the members privately considered themselves atheists.

Why does Darl go crazy in *As I Lay Dying*? By his author's own admission, Darl's character descends into madness as the events of the novel spin out of control. His mother dies, and the family is duty bound to take her body for burial to a cemetery forty miles away.

What is the last line of *As I Lay Dying*? “It's Cash and Jewel and Vardaman and Dewey Dell,” pa says, kind of hangdog and proud too, with his teeth and all, even if he wouldn't look at us. “Meet Mrs Bundren,” he says. This passage, also narrated by Cash, ends the novel.

Why did William Faulkner write "*As I Lay Dying*"? Background on *As I Lay Dying*
This organization reflects the great hopes that Faulkner pinned on the novel—he had recently married his high school sweetheart, Estelle Oldham, and hoped his saga of the Bundren family would finally ensure a steady income for his family and a greater literary reputation for himself.

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