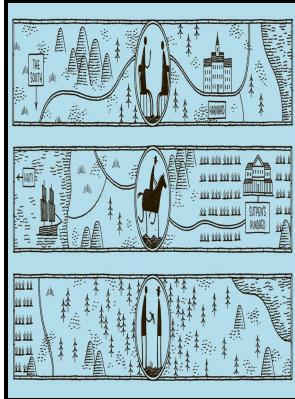


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### Absalom, Absalom Summary

Sutpen is terribly disappointed, because the last hope of repairing his Sutpen dynasty rested on Milly giving birth to a son.

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All he needs to complete his plan is a wife to bear him a few children particularly a son to be his heir , so he ingratiates himself with a local merchant and marries the man's daughter,.

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The two children grow up with privilege yet the knowledge that the town resents and despises their father.

### Absalom

Thus, if Faulkner can get the reader to accept his story as mythic in the first chapter, he has achieved another level of awareness which adds to the greatness of the novel.

### Faulkner's and the Mysterious Rosa Coldfield

Sutpen obtains one hundred square miles of land from a local tribe and immediately begins building a large plantation called Sutpen's Hundred, including an ostentatious mansion.

### Who was Absalom in the Bible?

From a little after two o'clock until almost sundown of the long still hot weary dead September afternoon they sat in what Miss Coldfield still called the office because her father had called it that -- a dim hot airless room with the blinds all closed and fastened for forty-three summers because when she was a girl someone had believed that light and moving air carried heat and that dark was always cooler, and which as the sun shone fuller and fuller on that side of the house became latticed with yellow slashes full of dust motes which Quentin thought of as being flecks of the dead old

dried paint itself blown inward from the scaling blinds as wind might have blown them.

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By many arts he gained their affection; and after his return from Geshur ; marg. These qualifications were calculated to nourish a natural desire to be one day the representative of that magnificent power created by his , from the prospective enjoyment of which his minority of birth alone seemed to debar him. If it's not, throw it out the window.

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