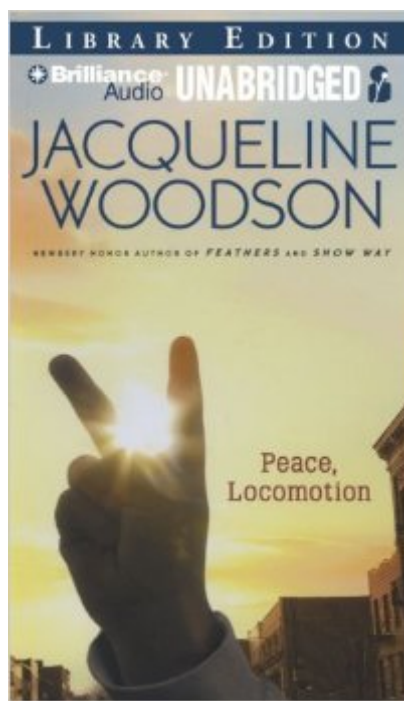


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# Peace, Locomotion



## Synopsis

Grade 4-6; Age 9-11 Twelve-year-old Lonnie is finally starting to feel at home with his foster family. But he still lives apart from his little sister, Lili, so he decides it's his job to be the rememberer and write down everything that happens while they're growing up. Lonnie's reflections in his letters to Lili are bittersweet. He's happy that they both have good foster families, but while his new family brings him joy, it also brings new worries: With a foster brother in the army, concepts like Peace have new meaning for Lonnie. Told solely through letters from Lonnie to Lili, this thought-provoking companion to Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award Finalist *Locomotion* tackles important issues in captivating, lyrical language. Lonnie's reflections on family, loss, love and peace will strike a note with readers of all ages.

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## Customer Reviews

Recently I was able to pinpoint why exactly I have such a hard time reviewing Jacqueline Woodson's recent books. I mean, "Feathers" was so difficult for me that I eschewed a review altogether and while I managed to put two words together for "After Tupac and D Foster", it wasn't a review that stuck in my mind as one of my more sterling efforts. So what is it about Ms. Woodson that throws me for such a loop? It's not like she isn't good at dialogue or realistic characters. Her books contain depth and complex situations. Reading her newest title "Peace, Locomotion" I was

reminded of all of this. I was also reminded, however, that Ms. Woodson isn't the kind of writer for whom fast-action and in-depth plotting holds much allure. There is a plot to this sequel to "Locomotion" but it's slow. And removing it from my To Be Reviewed shelf a month after reading it doesn't help all that much either. "Peace, Locomotion" may well be Ms. Woodson's greatest novel yet. It's thoughtful. Caring. Touching. Smart. And there are layers of depth to it that many a novelist would kill for. Don't expect a car chase or anything, though. This is one for the kids with a brain in their heads and time on their hands. When last we saw our hero, twelve-year-old Lonnie Collins Motion (or Locomotion to his friends), he was living with his new foster mother Miss Edna, while his nine-year-old sister Lili is living with another woman. There's no one Lonnie really loves quite as much as his sister, but he doesn't get to see her half as much as he would like. In lieu of seeing her, he writes her letters that he hopes to someday give to her when she's older. Of course Lonnie is still mourning the death of their parents thanks to a fire years ago.

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