



FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT

# Synopsis

*“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” – Matthew 5.5*

Jody Connor, a shy, withdrawn fifteen year old girl, loses herself in the pages of books that she hides under her mattress. Her time is spent between the library, helping her mother with housework, consistently getting good grades and in the stillness of night, walking among the Alabama fields watching fireflies dance and burn. She has grown up in the small, rural town of Scottsboro living in the shadows of a family steeped in bigotry, her father being the leader of the local chapter of the Klux Klan.

Jody's father Jack is not a violent man, only seeing himself and his followers as the new, 'kinder, gentler' breed of Klansmen. His hopes are to fight illegal immigration and create a world where his children and grandchildren can exist in a society where white people can thrive and live peacefully among themselves.

His philosophy sharply contrasts his 19-year-old son Thomas, who believes that change can only come through coercion and violence and to that end, has secretly organized his own group of the Aryan Brotherhood who he is convinced, will be more effective at attaining the goals set forth by his ancestors.

All is as it has been for decades until David Gaines, an African American teenager from New York City, comes to live with his Grandmother for the summer in this seemingly idyllic southern hamlet. Yet upon discovering that the Klan is alive and well in a region where his bloodline was once enslaved, he believes that retribution must be served and to this end, devises a plot for revenge that has irreversible consequences.

Lives are shattered as a time honored tradition of bigotry is challenged provoking violence and bloodshed. A father is forced to look at his own responsibility for the rage he has created in his son. A young man must question his own ethics when he sees what one misguided quest for vengeance can unleash on those least guilty. And in the middle, a young woman will be faced with a choice between breaking away from the only life she's ever known or continuing to live amid a legacy of fear and hatred.