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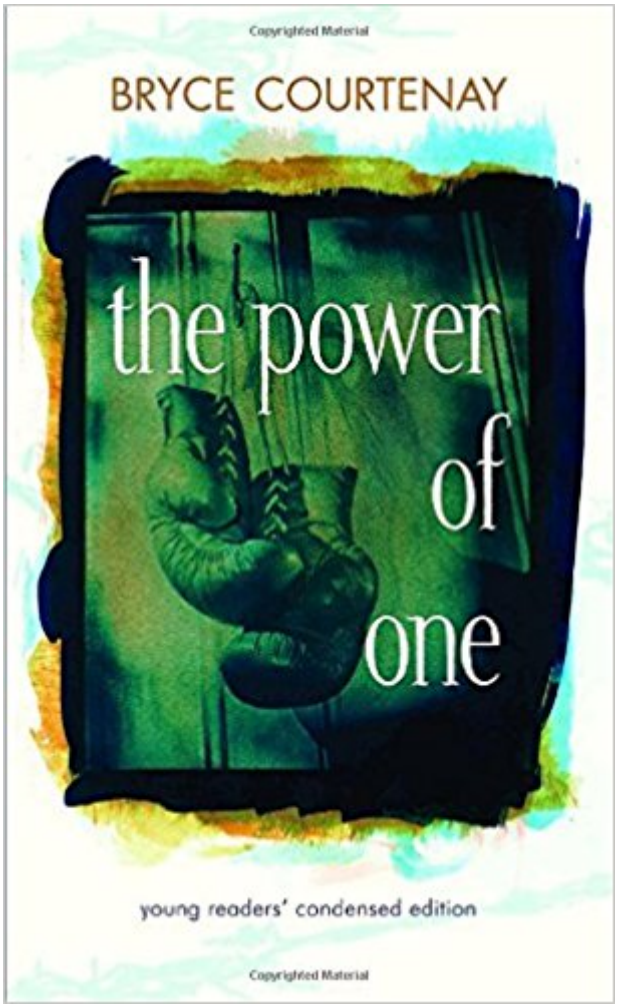

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Synopsis

In 1939, hatred took root in South Africa, where the seeds of apartheid were newly sown. There a boy called Peekay was born. He spoke the wrong languageâ “English. He was nursed by a woman of the wrong colorâ “black. His childhood was marked by humiliation and abandonment. Yet he vowed to surviveâ “he would become welterweight champion of the world, he would dream heroic dreams. But his dreams were nothing compared to what awaited him. For he embarked on an epic journey, where he would learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the mystical power that would sustain him even when it appeared that villainy would rule the world: The Power of One.From the Hardcover edition.

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"Unabashedly uplifting."THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALERSet in a world torn apart, where man enslaves his fellow man and freedom remains elusive, THE POWER OF ONE is the moving story of one young man’s search for the love that binds friends, the passion that binds lovers, and the realization that it takes only one to change the world. A weak and friendless boy growing up in South Africa during World War II, Peekay turns to two older men, one black and one white, to show him how to find the courage to dream, to succeed, to triumph over a world when all seems lost, and

to inspire him to summon up the most irrersistible force of all: the Power of One. "From the Paperback edition.

This book is really inspiring. I have read it several times, and enjoy reading it again. It always lives up to its title.I read many books about Africa and by African authors. Of course this is a standard in the genre and Bryce Courtenay is a favorite author for all those who love Africa. Real characters, and descriptions that make the story come to life are a hallmark of his writing.Younger readers will surely be inspired by the story, as well.

After reading this version, since the full book was not available on Kindle, I was hooked. I bought the complete book as soon as I finished the young adult version. As a heavy reader all my life, the (full version) is now my favorite book ever.

4 capable women who devoted their lives to a philandering man. Not a topic worth spending the time it takes to read it.

Great read. A true emotional journey in which i seemed to learn more about myself along the way. I started this book a curious caterpillar and ended a beautiful butterfly with silk, gossamer wings of enlightenment.

The rise of one little boy from being brutalized in kindergarten and told he was nothing to what he would become was amazing. I wish we all took advantage of what older people had to teach us like this little boy did.

Not as gripping as my recollection of reading the whole adult version 15 years ago. Hope for the angel to inspire a resolution of tensions in South Africa was not realized in the second half of the book. Wondering if this is why Courtenay leaves younger readers with the hopeful half.

This was a great book that was well written and thoroughly enjoyable. I had to continue reading the full version though. What a disappointment that does not offer the full version for the Kindle. The full version is a must read!

What possible justification could you have for denying your children the unabridged version of this

book? The Power Of One is one of the best books you or your children could read. It deals with overcoming poverty, racism, classism. Everything I hope you teach your children to overcome and reach beyond. Let them read the full story, as Bryce Courtney wrote it, not the abridged young reader's antiseptic version.

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