



OUR NIG

Our Nig, or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black, In A Two-Story White House

by Harriet E. Wilson (1825-1900)

The first novel published (in 1859) by an African-American in the United States, *Our Nig* tells the story of Frado, a mulatto girl abandoned by her white mother and raised in the home of the Bellmonts. While Mr. Bellmont is kind, Mrs. Bellmont and her eldest daughter brutalize Frado for years, until her health begins to fail. *Our Nig* was written by a former indentured servant in Massachusetts, and is uniquely a story about racism in the North before the Civil War.

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