



Set in a town somewhere in the South, here is the story of a community of black people searching for the healing properties of salt who witness an event that will change their lives forever. Some of them are centered, some are off-balance; some are frightened, and some are daring. From the men who live off welfare women to the mud mothers who carry their children in their hides, the novel brilliantly explores the narcissistic aspect of despair and the tremendous responsibility that comes with physical, spiritual, and mental well-being. Detailed, revealing portraits of women from their teens through

their sixties, Maggie Scarf explores the core experiences of women's lives and discovers what can happen when the days and years scurry by, leaving unfinished the tasks that transform us from child to girl to woman.