

*The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahis Coates

From the author of the non-fiction bestseller, *Between the World and Me*, this work combines historical fiction with magic realism. Hiram, a slave, born of a black mother and the white owner of a dying plantation, he discovers he has the gift of conduction, the ability to transport himself to other places.

When he becomes involved with the Virginia Underground Railroad, he uses this skill to transport runaway slaves, as well as his loved ones, to safety in the free states. The two vital components of conduction are water and memories, and like most of us, Hiram has some memories he'd rather not revisit. "Coates further cements himself as one of this generation's most important writers, tackling one of America's oldest and darkest periods with grace and inventiveness." The Library has this title in book, Large Print, e-book, Book on CD and e-audiobook.