

*THE NICKEL BOYS*

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The protagonist, Elwood Curtis, a black youth with a promising future, is unfairly sentenced to the Nickel Academy, a juvenile reformatory. His life becomes a nightmare, even though he heartbreakingly followed all the rules and never disobeyed the law. The devastating consequences of Elwood's unfair imprisonment provide a picture into Jim Crow-era Florida.