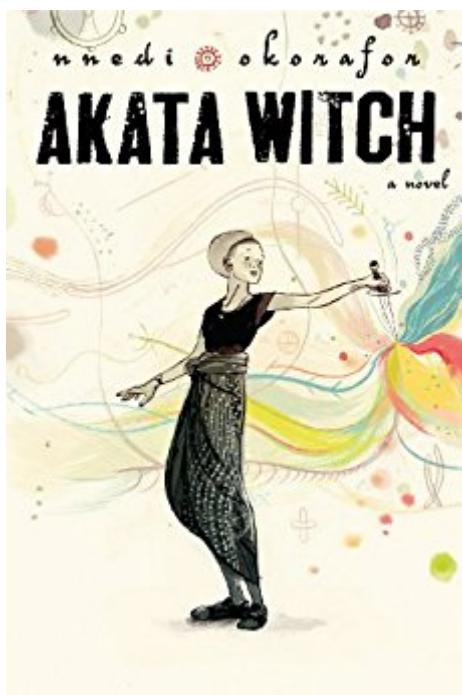


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# Akata Witch



## Synopsis

Affectionately dubbed "the Nigerian Harry Potter," Akata Witch weaves together a heart-pounding tale of magic, mystery, and finding one's place in the world. Twelve-year-old Sunny lives in Nigeria, but she was born American. Her features are African, but she's albino. She's a terrific athlete, but can't go out into the sun to play soccer. There seems to be no place where she fits in. And then she discovers something amazing—she is a "free agent" with latent magical power. Soon she's part of a quartet of magic students, studying the visible and invisible, learning to change reality. But will it be enough to help them when they are asked to catch a career criminal who knows magic too? Ursula K. Le Guin and John Green are Nnedi Okorafor fans. As soon as you start reading Akata Witch, you will be, too! From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Meet twelve year old Sunny, the albino daughter of Nigerian immigrants who have moved back to Nigeria to raise their three children. She is already finding it difficult to fit in, a situation which

becomes more complicated when she finds out that she is a part of a group of humans with special juju (black magic) powers and a dubious responsibility to save the world. I found it difficult to put this book down, I read until my eyes refused to stay open a second longer and in between work while I waited for the kettle to boil or a screen to load on my laptop. Akata Witch is action-packed, fast-paced, and filled with vividly effective descriptions of a world that merges real images of Nigeria with the fantasy world that the author creates. The author touches on a number of issues along the journey, some in greater detail than others--juju/obeah/black magic (whatever it is called in your neck of the woods); the complexities of the father-daughter relationship; politics especially as it relates to greed and oil in Nigeria; race issues in the US and Nigeria; feminism...many issues that touch the lives of young people today. The characters are memorable. Although the central protagonist is twelve, other key characters were older and the content should appeal to teens as old as fourteen or fifteen. There is burgeoning romance and a brutal death of two. Sunny, the main character, spends a lot of the book quite frustrated with the reluctance of those around her to provide information about the world in which she finds herself and I must admit that I shared her pain. When I got to the end of the book I was dissatisfied with the lack of explanations for events that took place. Perhaps that is the nature of the juju. The premise that supported the climax of the book--that four woefully unprepared teens should be mankind's best hope against the world--seemed a bit weak, but it is a fantasy after all. I recommend Akata Witch. Perhaps there is a sequel in the works...

Ok I liked this book, but it has a major major flaw. Like too many current sci-fi/fantasy books, 98% of the book is the set up to this Earth-Shattering, suspenseful battle. Then you get to the pinnacle, and it just hurries through things sloppily, and, ignoring issues the book has set up, wraps things up in a too pat manner. Oh, the prophecy says the Nimm princess will be in great danger in this battle-Nah. Nevermind. Oh you are untutored and raw but gonna just waltz up to this epic, ancient badness, literally say "Boo!" and ...that's IT? Lazy writing that is designed to lead to the next book. Read Zahra the Windseeker, instead.

A wonderful YA story about magic, being different, friendship, and growing up. Nnedi Okorafor has a real gift for writing girls who are just as complex, smart, willful, and head-strong as the girls I know. My ten year old daughter also loved this book, and is looking forward to the sequel 'Akata Warrior'.

This book was sophisticated yet very easy to read. She was able to weave together a masterpiece

without convoluted words so that a fifth grader as well as an adult could understand and be thoroughly entertained. This book was so suspenseful from the beginning to the end. Not often are we able to read a tale about black children possessing magical powers from that beautiful continent of Africa, the Mecca of religion and JUJU and Nnedi Okorafor was able to pull from these ancient spiritual systems and craft a together a wonderful masterpiece so vivid & precise that I felt as if I was either watching a feature film or had a personal relationship with the characters she so lovingly brought to life in this excellent book. I definitely would recommend this book for the middle school language arts curriculum & anyone else looking for a fantastic book to read!

I can normally blow thru a book in a day. This one took me 5 days. Mostly because I'm unfamiliar with Nigeria a felt the need to research various things I read so I could picture it better. I hope to read more about Sunny, orlu, chichi, and Sasha and their Lives. I would definitely recommend

I saw this book in the airport the other day, and was drawn in by the beautiful front cover. After reading the summary, I had to get it (though I purchased the kindle version). From the get go, I was entranced by the story. I could not get enough of Sunny and her friends and their journey. When I finished, I immediately purchased 2 or 3 other books by Ms. Okorafor, and will be purchasing the sequel as soon as it comes out. (I love this book so much that I purchased a paperback version yesterday to lend to friends so we can talk about it!) Do yourself a favor and buy this book!!!!

I love to read! I will read any genre, and my only requirement is that it be a well-written book. I am 59 years old, and becoming more conscious of the limited reading time I have, so I only want to read the best books out there. Let me tell you, Akata Witch certainly qualifies as one of the best, in my opinion. Fast - paced and entertaining, and unusual, this story kept me interested right up to the end. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who is looking for something unique to read. Thank you, Nnedi Okorafor, for this gift.

This book will have you begging for another to be written. I adore the characters. I enjoyed the leopard world immensely

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