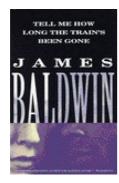
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Reader's Opinions

The back of this book makes it out to be the life story of a black actor who rises to greatness, but is "torn between two different kinds of love"....

I read the Penguin Twentieth Century Classics edition of this book and I would be happy to classify it as a "great American novel". It's beautifully and powerfully written, if a little slow at the start, and the protagonist, Leo Proudhammer, is a thoughtful, sympathetic and engaging character, as are most of the supporting cast. I think...