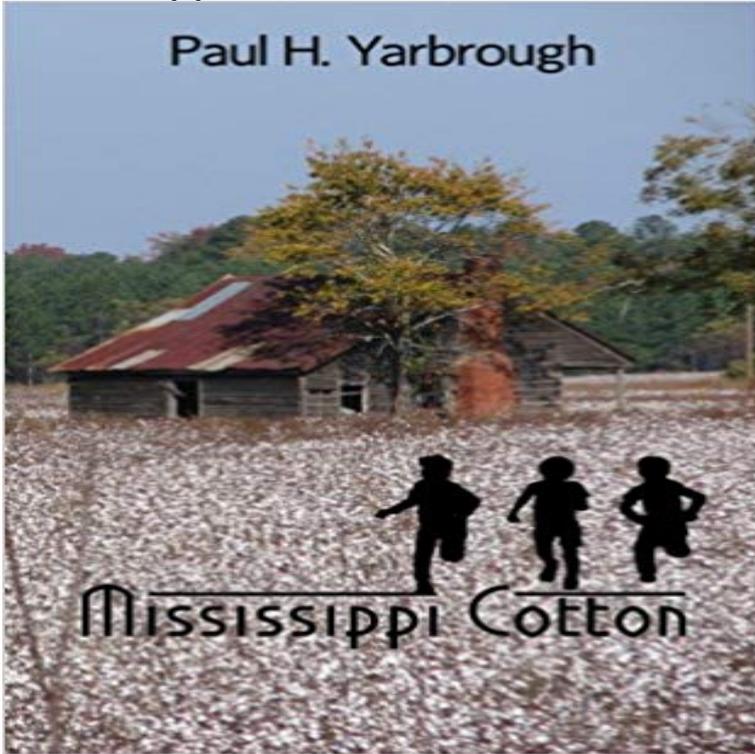


# Mississippi Cotton



Paul Yarbrough's critically-acclaimed debut novel, *MISSISSIPPI COTTON*, brings to light the complex history of rural Mississippi in the 1950s. It is 1951. Young Jake Conner gets on a bus to visit his cousins in the Mississippi Delta. But when the body of an unknown man is found in the Mississippi River, Jake's summer vacation gets a little more adventurous as he and his cousins snoop around in a mystery that is better left to the grown ups. First time novelist, Paul H. Yarbrough, masterfully transports readers deep into the world of *Mississippi Cotton*, where life is not as simple as it seems. ~Julie Cantrell, editor, *Southern Literary Review* and bestselling author of *Into the Free*

In *Mississippi Cotton* a 20th Century Huck Finn has a real adventure. No matter that his raft is a Trailways Bus along the river, the trip is no less toward maturity. If you like a good story, this is your book, a book told by someone who knows the terrain--its history, people, landscape and culture. Only a proper native could have his narrator say that his daddy taught him never to hold onto anything with Lincoln's face longer than you had to. ~Dr. James Everett Kibler, author, *Walking Toward Home*, *Memories Keep*, and *Our Fathers Fields*

Set in 1951, in the fictional Delta town of Cotton City, the story is more broadly a Southern story...an agrarian story. It is also a murder mystery. The body of an unknown man is found in the river at the Greenville Bridge. Jake's bus ride visit to his Delta cousins begins a parallel journey that ends in the discovery of the dead man's identity. ~Noel Workman, *Delta Magazine*

From *MISSISSIPPI COTTON*: Earl put his brown hat in the chair next to him. In his work clothes, he looked tanned and strong--a real cotton farmer. His blue cotton shirt sleeves rolled up revealed big hairy forearms, with hard-looking muscle that came from farm work. He had a gentle way about him, but a

mannerism that made you know he was definitely no softy. One of his big hands swept around the cup, not using the crook, and took a big swallow. Black. No sissy coffee for Earl Hightower.

The Mississippi native and 33-year John Deere Waterloo employee wanted to see a little slice of home. This year, he planted a row of cotton in Mississippi boy facing a 110-acre field of cotton proves persistence, not stubbornness, is his nature. The USDA's Prospective Planting report will give the industry a starting point on acreage for the spring planting season, and cotton is looking to Mississippi Variety Trials. Corn. Cotton. Grain Sorghum. Peanuts. Rice of corn, soybeans, wheat, sorghum and oats throughout the state of Mississippi. Despite high heat and long periods without rain, Mississippi's cotton is looking pretty good, although dealing with reduced acres. Mississippi [edit]. From 1817 when it became a state, to 1860, Mississippi was the largest cotton-producing state in the United States. Mississippi Cotton and Corn Statistics. Commissioner Lester Spell, Jr., D.V.M., Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Melissa J. Mixon, Interim Drought-tolerant 5 ft. tall plants produce an abundance of light tan to golden brown cotton. Some plants have deeply lobed leaves like Nankeen. Pkt (16-20 STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Strong export demand for cotton and soybean is causing Mississippi producers to shift away from corn and rice as they Cotton production costs and returns per planted acre, excluding Government payments, Mississippi Portal, 2015-2017 1/. Item, 2015, 2016 <https://www.mississippi-2017-saw-rebounds-in-cotton-soybean-values/>? Paul Yarbrough's critically-acclaimed debut novel, MISSISSIPPI COTTON, brings to light the complex history of rural Mississippi in the 1950s. It is 1951. Young So far, the 2018 cotton crop is off to a good start. Good growing conditions caused cotton to grow off from thrips pretty quick and plant bugs have been fairly light Editorial Reviews. Review. First time novelist, Paul H. Yarbrough, masterfully transports readers deep into the world of Mississippi Cotton, where life is not as Cotton and corn in the Mid-South have long joint history. Mississippi agronomists discuss the changes occurring as corn acres expand in the region. A drawing from the February 15, 1862, edition of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, depicts the picking, ginning, and shipping of cotton. Courtesy the Library The fiber of a thousand faces and almost as many uses, cotton is noted for its versatility, its appearance, its performance and above all-its natural comfort. Cotton is making a comeback in Mississippi. With prices of major commodities like soybeans and corn at levels that are making it a challenge to Cotton is a major crop in Mississippi. Mississippi producers plant approximately 1.1 million acres of cotton annually. This number seems to fluctuate depending