

A story of Jamaican immigrants as their lives change in America. Isabel Hanson grew up a country girl, where her mou-ma prescribed ginga' for all ailments requiring soothing. But when she met Walter Buckley, a wealthy landowner, her world changes to one of privilege.

Her world is torn apart when her husband leaves for America to start a new life for the family. Lonely and despaired without him, Isabel follows. Soon after, Lilly, the oldest and favored daughter of Isabel's because of her fair complexion (like Isabel's mother's), is brought over. Finally,

"the girls" (their skin was as dark as their grandfather's) were included. Life was never to be the same.