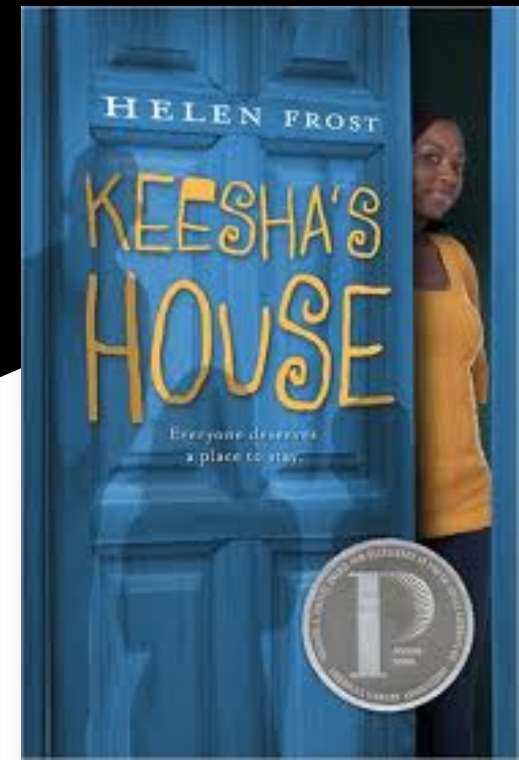


# Book Talk Presentation:

## *Keesha's House*

By Diomedes Morel



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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Book Title: *"Keesha's House"*

Author: Helen Frost

Genre: Young Adult/Poetry

Page #: 128

# Overview

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Keesha's House is written by Helen Frost and organized as a compilation of poems written in different perspectives. It is written to demonstrate some of the many diverse problems teenagers go through. There are seven main characters in the novel-- Keesha, Stephie, Jason, Dontay, Carmen, Harris, and Katie. Keesha is the titular owner of the house used as a shelter for young teens without a comfortable place to stay. While staying at Keesha's House, these teenagers soon come to a decision or a calm conclusion.

# Characters & Problems

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Keesha- her dad has become an alcoholic after her mother's death which caused her younger brother, Tobias, to get involved with a gang.

Stephie- she gets unexpectedly pregnant at a young age.

Jason- he has to make a decision between supporting his girlfriend (Stephie) and his future son, and his athletic career.

Dontay- his parents are in jail and while in foster care, he faces bad influences

Carmen- living with her grandmother, Carmen's DUI problem haunts her once again.

Harris- after telling his parents about his homosexuality, he has been kicked to the streets and rejected by his father

Katie- she runs away because her mother doesn't want to separate from her abusive stepfather.

# climax

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**The most suspenseful part of the book is when Tobias, Keesha's brother, dies because of gang violence. This is a critical point in Keesha's life and it makes all of her friends and roommates to step up and support their fallen leader. This also makes the group reflect on their life and how their decisions affect them. Some of them even come to a calm closure in their ordeals.**



*A Passage that I loved:  
Shifting Gears by Keesha*

*"Sometimes I wonder if it's fair, all the stuff that's happened in my life so far. How do people find out who they are, who they're meant to be? I want to call time-out, hit pause or rewind, stop the ball-- no, stop the bullet-- in midair. I want Tobias back, safe in car with someone sober driving, someone tall enough to see beyond the next few years, and say: 'Tobias. Keesha. It's okay.' But-- looks like I'm the driver. I shift the gears, head uphill with all the life I've got-- my own. I might do something about all this someday.*

# *Personal Response*

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I really like this excerpt because I can personally relate to it. I've found myself many times pondering on how unjust life can be. It also brings great comfort after losing a loved one. When my uncle passed away, it was very difficult for me to comprehend that he wouldn't be with us anymore and why this world would strip life away from him. Once I read this passage it really brought relief to my mind.

# Recommendation

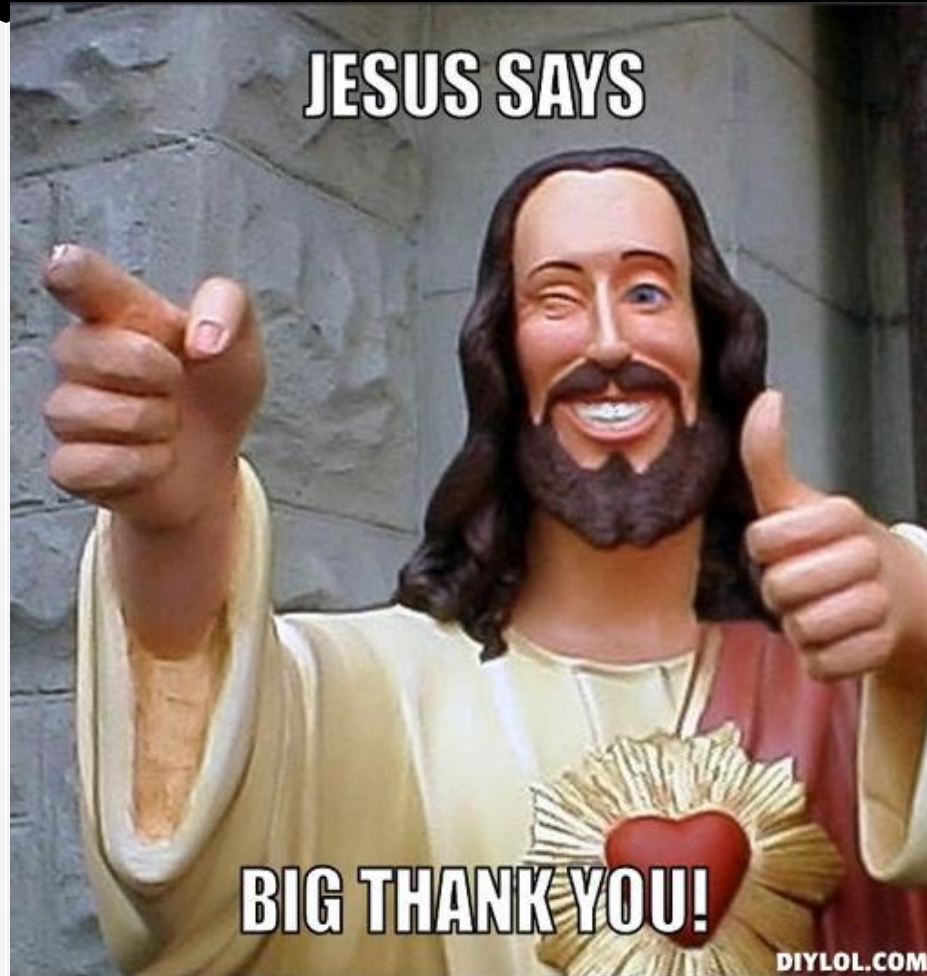
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I would recommend this book to a young person going through any type of difficult situation because this book would empathize with the reader. I would also recommend this book to those who would like to understand what some adolescents have to go through. Lastly, I would recommend this book to the readers who love poetry and at the same time a very entertaining plot.





# **Thank you for listening to my Book Talk Presentation**



**Any Questions?**