



CROSSING THE RIVER

A novel by Caryl Phillips

'A desperate foolishness. The crops failed. I sold my children.'

So begins Caryl Phillips's superb new novel: a voice speaking out of a distant past, describing the consequences of his desperation—his daughter and two sons condemned to the hold of an English slave ship bound for America in 1753. What follows are the stories of these children, yet as the narrative unfolds, we come to understand that although they are his children, they are also all of slavery's children.

These brilliantly resonant stories—along with the slave ship captain's journal and the lamentations of the children's father—become a 'many-tongued chorus of a common memory' so vivid and powerful that it bridges the gaps between continents and centuries, inextricably linking the many generations of the African diaspora, one to the other.

Caryl Phillips won the 1987 Martin Luther King Memorial Prize and has authored four additional novels, including *Cambridge*.

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