



# The Souls of Black Folk

by W. E. B. Du Bois · Best for C1–C2 (Advanced–Proficient)

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W. E. B. Du Bois blends personal memoir, historical essay, and lyrical meditation in this landmark 1903 collection about African American life and identity. The writing is exceptionally crafted — sometimes soaring and poetic, sometimes precise and analytical — and Du Bois coins phrases, such as 'the colour line' and 'double consciousness', that have shaped thinking ever since. Expect to slow down and re-read passages that reward real attention.

## What you'll practise

- Shifting register between formal essay prose and lyrical, figurative writing
- Vocabulary of sociology, history, and political philosophy
- Extended metaphors that develop across several paragraphs
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