



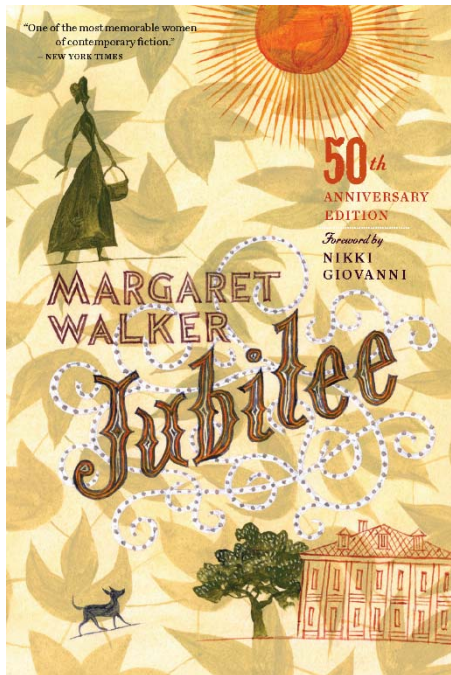
## Press Release

### For Immediate Release:

Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Margaret Walker's classic novel *Jubilee* with a new edition, symposium, and reception on Friday, September 16.

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The Margaret Walker Center at Jackson State University will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Margaret Walker's classic novel *Jubilee* on Friday, September 16, with a new edition of the book, a special symposium at 2 p.m. in the JSU Student Center Theater, and a reception at 4 p.m. at the Margaret Walker Center in Ayer Hall.

The publisher, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt released the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Jubilee* with a Foreword by Nikki Giovanni on September 6, and, for the first time, the release includes an e-book and audio-book. Copies of the new edition will be available to purchase at Jackson State on September 16.

The symposium at 2 p.m. in the JSU Student Center Theater will feature literary scholar, Trudier Harris; Carolyn Brown, Margaret Walker's first biographer; Alferdteen Harrison, the second director of the

Margaret Walker Center; Althea Tait, an expert in black female writers; and RaShell Smith-Spears, a Margaret Walker scholar.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Margaret Walker Center in Ayer Hall, the reception will feature Kiese Laymon, professor of English and creative writing at the University of Mississippi, who will give an address and make a special announcement in Ayer Hall. Laymon is the author of the novel, *Long Division*, and a collection of essays, *How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*. He was selected a member of the Root 100 in 2013 and 2014.

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