

The Big Gold Dream (Harlem Cycle, #4) By Chester Himes **The Big Gold Dream bookkeeping** This 6th entry in to his Harlem Cycle follows pretty much the same structure as his first - Rage In Harlem - inept people running round trying to rip each other off and come out on top whilst Coffin Ed and Grave Digger Jones amble around talking to people and eventually solving the mystery by everything falling in to their laps. **The Big Gold Dream kindle unlimited** From there.

## Literature Fiction The Big Gold dream

In the comically grotesque opening to Chester Himes' The Big Gold Dream (1960) Alberta Wright a buxom simple-minded stubborn kitchen slave for white folks has just got religion. **PDF The Big Gold dreaming** With her lay-about lover Sugar Stonewall she attends a Harlem revival meeting presided over by Sweet Prophet Brown (who possesses the nimble wits of a confidence man and the nerve of a bank robber). **Book The Big Gold dreaming** There she is baptized by the fire hoses of Sweet Prophet's deacons and testifies about her wonderful dream in which three apple pies burst open to fill the kitchen with 100 dollar bills. **Literature Fiction The Big Gold dreamy** Has he poisoned her? Or are they working some scam? Or has God put her in a trance? From that grabbing opening Himes introduces a sordid panoply of Harlem denizens among them a deaf and dumb ex-fighter pimp a pair of weary detectives assorted stool pigeons a gullible janitor a ruthless racketeer and his blind addict lover who get involved in a quest for an elusive fortune. **The Big Gold Dream Literature fiction vs** But how much money is there? Where did it come from? Who has murdered two men for it? And where is the money now? Himes writes vivid descriptions (his acid-scarred face the memento of an acid-throwing rumpus one night in a shanty on the Harlem River further uptown looked like the mask of an African witch doctor) cool lines (People will recrucify Jesus Christ for thirty-six grand) and memorable set pieces (as in the opening revival meeting). **EBook The Big Gold dream )** but black people in that era in that place were especially vulnerable to poverty and lack of legal economic opportunities and fulfilling jobs: Born like a fool and worked like a mule as Sweet Prophet sums up Alberta to detectives Grave Digger Jones and Coffin Ed. **PDF The Big Gold dreambox** If you like the Easy Rawlins stories of Walter Mosely (like Devil in a Blue Dress) and are interested in mid-20th century Harlem and enjoy unpredictable mysteries with plenty of black humor flawed humanity and ineffective police you should read The Big Gold Dream. **Big band song dream 1560251042** As good as all the other books in the Harlem Cycle (as apparently they're called) with a focus on the depravities of organized religion and a bunch of hustlers trying to get over on a devotee. **Mystery Thrillers The Big Gold dreamy 1560251042** Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones two Black police detectives investigate when a woman worshiper mysteriously dies at a revival meeting led by Sweet Prophet a charismatic con man. **EPub The Big Gold dreaming** The Big Gold Dream (Harlem Cycle #4)COUNTDOWN: Mid-20th Century North American Crime BOOK 114 (of 250)Hook=4 stars: Faith is a rock! It's like a solid gold dream! goes the voice of Sweet Prophet Brown. **Book The Big Gold dreambox** So as great as Himes does (5 stars) at presenting the feel of the novel and the place I have to take 1 star from Himes for the over-the-top violence it's just not for me and not necessary for this story. **EPub The Big Gold dreamscape 5\* 1560251042** Since absolutely loving Chester Himes's first two books in his Harlem Cycle A Rage in Harlem and The Real Cool Killers it's sad that the next three books that I read in the cycle have gotten progressively worse. **The Big Gold Dream Mystery thrillers spillers** But while both Rage and Killers feel fresh and alive and filled with memorable characters this novel feels uninspired and was frankly boring as if Himes was phoning it in by this time with more of the same formula. **The Big Gold Dream Literature fictionmanai last** After Alberta White drops dead after drinking a bottle of water blessed by the Sweet Prophet Brown during one of his mass street baptisms it's somehow linked to more murders and a heap of stolen money everyone wants to get their hands on. **Book The Big Gold dreambox** In 1953 Himes emigrated to France where he was approached by Marcel Duhamel of Gallimard to write a detective series for Série Noire which had published works from the likes of Raymond Chandler Dashiell Hammett and Jim Thompson. **Big gold dream documentary**

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Trite racist stereotypes that would make Max Fleischer blush and no cross-dressing thugs this time. **The Big Gold Dream kindle app** 1560251042 Chester Himes was positioned as the black heir to Raymond Chandler's throne as far as I can tell, **Mystery Thrillers The Big Gold dreambox** His honest hard-boiled representations of black life in Harlem are what made his name in the crime genre and you either get what he does or you don't. **The Big Gold Dream kindle direct** It's more about milieu than characterisation and plot and if you want to read what a black man thought Harlem was like sixty years ago then you're in for a treat: **Big gold dream book** 1560251042



Chester Bomar Himes began writing in the early 1930s while serving a prison sentence for armed robbery: **Mystery Thrillers The Big Gold dreamworks** When Sugar tells her to get a bottle of drinking water blessed by Sweet Prophet and she drinks the liquid she collapses to all appearances dead: **The Big Gold Dream book** Sugar takes off running on his flat feet like beef filets over the streets as if they were paved with broken glass. **The Big Gold Dream epubor** At the same time that Himes is writing a page turning and darkly humorous mystery he's vividly depicting circa 1950s Harlem and the black experience there, **Book The Big Gold dreambox** People are people subject to all the human weaknesses (greed prevarication gullibility violence etc, **EPub The Big Gold dreamy** 1560251042 If I have to work to support him the least he can do is be scared of me: **The Big Gold Dream Literature fictional** This one is not as good as the first three books but good nevertheless, **Book The Big Gold dreambox** Page turning stuff 1560251042 Back when I read all of these at the Ole Miss library (a great perk of being a student there) this was the weakest of Himes' series: **Literature Fiction The Big Gold dream** His voice comes through amplifiers on a sound truck parked in front of tenement houses, **Big gold dream book** And on he goes: On this dream every church in all the world is built: **The Big Gold Dream ebooks online** But soon a lady in the crowd shouts of her dream Money Money Money! Himes is presenting to us the true goal of our Prophet, **EBook The Big Gold dreaming** That's a lot of messaging from the author right up front: **Mystery Thrillers The Big Gold dream** PACE=4: I'll just quote the San Francisco Chronicle from the back cover of the edition I read: [This book is a] Roar into action in a case of the raging streets of Harlem. **EBook The Big Gold dreambox** Chester Himes is the best writer of mayhem yarns since Raymond Chandler: **The Big Gold Dream ebookers** But there is a big problem here as the pace is just too fast because it leads to a plot problem therefore the pace is against itself, **The Big Gold**

**Dream epub reader** Someone has the money that an Alberta Wright has accumulated via gambling, **Kindle The Big Gold dreambox** Is it her husband? Her boyfriend? Any number of the guys delivering the \$\$\$? A last minute revelation pushed me off the track completely. **Kindle The Big Gold dreambox** 3/4ths of the way through I had stopped to try and figure out the time-line (on paper) of everything going on as my written time-line wasn't a bit of help. **Big gold dream documentary** A convoluted mess all in all and surprisingly so given this author's better novels. **Book The Big Gold dreambox** CHARACTERS=4: Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones as a detective team make their 4th outing from Himes. **Big gold dream book** Again I'll quote this time from the publisher's blurb on the back cover: these 2 are Harlem's toughest detective duo: **The Big Gold Dream book** Sugar Stone Alberta Wright's boyfriend was the first to disappear and an early suspect for the theft of the money: **Literature Fiction The Big Gold dreambox** About the Prophet Himes tells us that the death from chapter 1 has the Prophet thinking It was the most desperate situation he had ever faced, **The Big Gold Dream Literature fictional** And Rufus Wright Alberta's husband is broke and must sell everything he has to pay for her funeral: **EPub The Big Gold dreamworks** That's a cast alright!ATMOSPHERE/PLACE=4:From page 1: Sweating foot cops in wet clinging shirts and mounted cops on lathered horses surrounded Sweet Prophet's throne: **The Big Gold Dream booker** About his feet was a circle of little black girls dressed as angels, **Big gold dream book** Himes though pushes the violence much too far right into the area of torture porn: **The Big Gold Dream kindle direct** Himes is the real deal if you're looking for hard boiled detective novels, **The Big Gold Dream epub reader** You might like it but if you want to start reading books by Chester Himes I wouldn't recommend starting with this one. **The Big Gold Dream publishing** More chase scenes than a shitty old Western movie (boring me to death) he produced short stories for periodicals such as Esquire and Abbotts Monthly. **The Big Gold Dream epubs** When released he focussed on semi autobiographical protest novels: **The Big Gold Dream Mystery thrillers books** Himes would be the first black author included in the series. **Mystery Thrillers The Big Gold dreamy** Three of t Chester Bomar Himes began writing in the early 1930s while serving a prison sentence for armed robbery. **PDF The Big Gold dream** From there he produced short stories for periodicals such as Esquire and Abbott's Monthly: **Book The Big Gold dreambox** When released he focussed on semi autobiographical protest novels, **The Big Gold Dream book** Himes would be the first black author included in the series, **Big band song dream** In 1968 Himes moved to Spain where he made his home until his death. As good as Raymond Chandler? You've gotta be joking.lol. 1560251042 Fast paced dangerous funny violent and incredible. Such writing. The vibe remains the same. And on page 3 the lady shouting about money drops dead. Yes this one roars with mayhem. Non-stop action much more so than Chandler in my opinion. (-1 star) Read on.PLOT=1: Yes there is mayhem. So much so that for me the plot is muddled. Oh Prophet is a fake. Prophet's top elder Reverend Jones is along for the ride. He at least seems decent at first.a throne of red roses on a flower-draped float.Over his head.a sunshade of gold tinsel made in the shape of a halo.SUMMARY: My overall rating is 3.4. And there are better Himes's novels than this one. 1560251042 3. Himes's writing is always assured and fun to read. 1560251042 Third-string Himes. Yeah I said it. {site\_link}.