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Abstract

Walker's *Meridian* focuses on the guilt felt by the protagonist Meridian Hill and the release from the guilt. Walker through her protagonist asserts that women must realize their strength which lies within themselves. Meridian overcomes her feeling of guilt through self realization and through selfless work which she does for her community. She helps troubled mothers and women because she understands the problems of other women. Finally, Meridian learns to value her own life and has love for herself and her community. Walker asserts that by respecting one's life and by understanding one's potential and strength women can proceed ahead.

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