



## Read & Recommended



### **Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid

The book switches between narratives of Emira, offbeat, aimless and fresh out of college black babysitter for wealthy Alix, owner of a woman-centric Instagram brand built by writing letters to companies and getting free stuff.

Emira is Millennial without a whole lot of direction and feels her friends are all more successful and in a better place in life than she is. After her search for a new job proves unsuccessful Alix's offers her a full-time nanny position.

Alix also wants to be Emira's friend and help her better herself. Things become problematic. Alix is a typical "white saviour". She has black friends so how can she be racist, right?! This differs from other books of this type because Reid has a highly developed African American protagonist who the reader views Alix's actions through. The consequences of these actions cause Emira to reassess the job offer.

Kiley Reid earned her MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she was awarded the Truman Capote Fellowship and taught undergraduate creative writing workshops with a focus on race and class. Her short stories have been featured in *Ploughshares*, *December*, *New South*, and *Lumina*. Reid lives in Philadelphia.