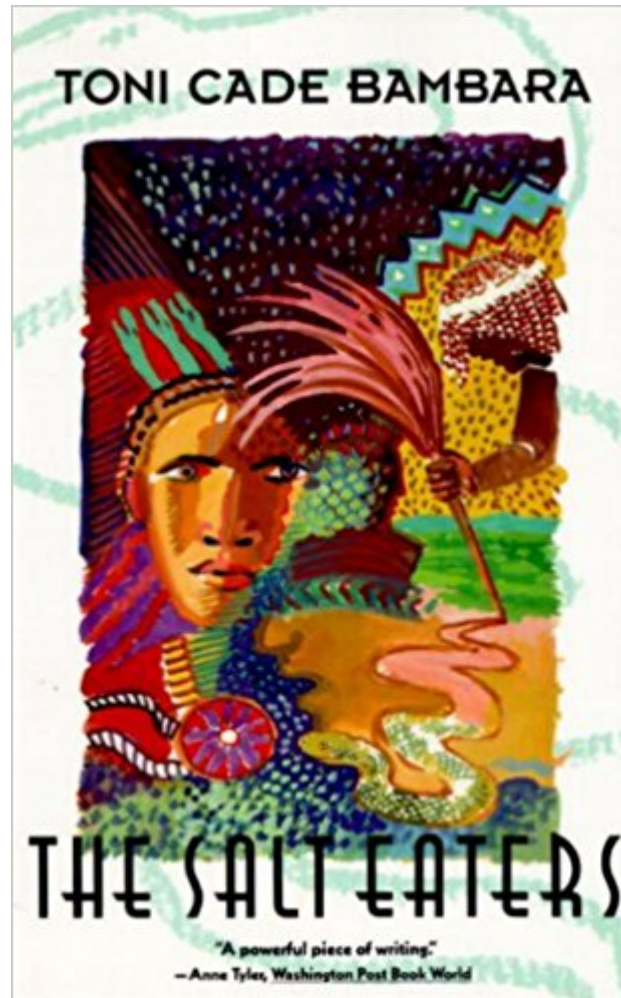




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How did I make it this far in life without knowing this author's work? Simply astounding.

Challenging read... often from different characters perspective, changing time periods (present day and past), symbolic language sometimes difficult to interpret

Have not read the book yet but the author is a great one!

I am not quite finished reading *Salt Eaters*, which I am reading as a part of book club activity. So far, I think this book does a good job drawing the reader into the complexities of life in general. It especially draws you into the complex lives of African-Americans in the USA who are struggling for social justice as they struggle to survive and/or improve their personal lives and struggle with partnerships with significant others, friends, family, co-workers. This book is quite thought provoking and inspires self-reflection. That being said *Salt Eaters* has not been an easy read. There are many complex characters who all have relationships and interactions with many other complex characters. This sometimes requires one to have to go back and reread sections of the book to understand the "weave."

This is a book that I read a long time ago and I am revisiting it now that I am older and I am loving it and understanding it even more....enjoyed this read!!!

Profound and so excellently written. Bambara is on point with the internal workings of the human condition, especially when in turmoil and on the wavering edge of a discovery.

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Still reading, but love it so far.

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