



# SECOND SON

## A NOVEL OF THE DEEP SOUTH

Small town sins and secrets can be deadly.

**Herman Willis Logan continued by Kathleen Parrish**

*Second Son* chronicles a poor southern boy's journey to manhood during the final years of the Great Depression and the epic panorama of World War II.

In 1938 Cottondale, Mississippi, an eighth-grade education is considered plenty for a sharecropper, but young Towanna Whitaker is determined to finish high school and "be somebody." Then his slender build and blonde good looks attract the attention of Silas Morgan, a secret pedophile in Cottondale's social structure. When the old man spreads rumors that he's queer, the rumors bear vicious fruit that affects his family.

When Towanna's mother abandons the family, it falls to Towanna to care for the children she left behind. Towanna's life fills with unexpected peace and new purpose. Then tragedy strikes. Only new love helps him through, but their fledgling romance is thwarted when the country is drawn into WWII. Drafted into the army and deployed to Europe, Towanna must face death, loss, and his deepest fears if he's to survive the War and find his way home.

### PRAISE FOR *SECOND SON*

"*Second Son* is a warm and exciting story... a fine and moving novel you will want to own."

— **Penina Keen Spinka, author of *Picture Maker, Dream Maker* and *Hidden in Mist*.**

"*Second Son* is an enthralling depiction of life in the Deep South during the final years of the Great Depression, and the hardships of World War II... fresh and deeply personal."

— **Rick Adelman, Best-Selling Author of the *MG&M Detective Agency Mysteries***

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HERMAN WILLIS LOGAN was a sharecropper's son, a WWII veteran, a father, a husband, and Kathleen's uncle. Towanna Whitaker's story is a work of fiction, but like Towanna, Logan had to drop out of school to help raise his two tiny sisters while his father and brother worked the cotton fields. Logan finished the original manuscript in 1963 but did not get it published. In 1989, Logan packed up the manuscript and the publisher's notes and shipped everything to Kathleen's mother with a request that she revise the story and try to get it published someday, which was then passed on to Kathleen. Herman Willis Logan passed away in 1994.



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