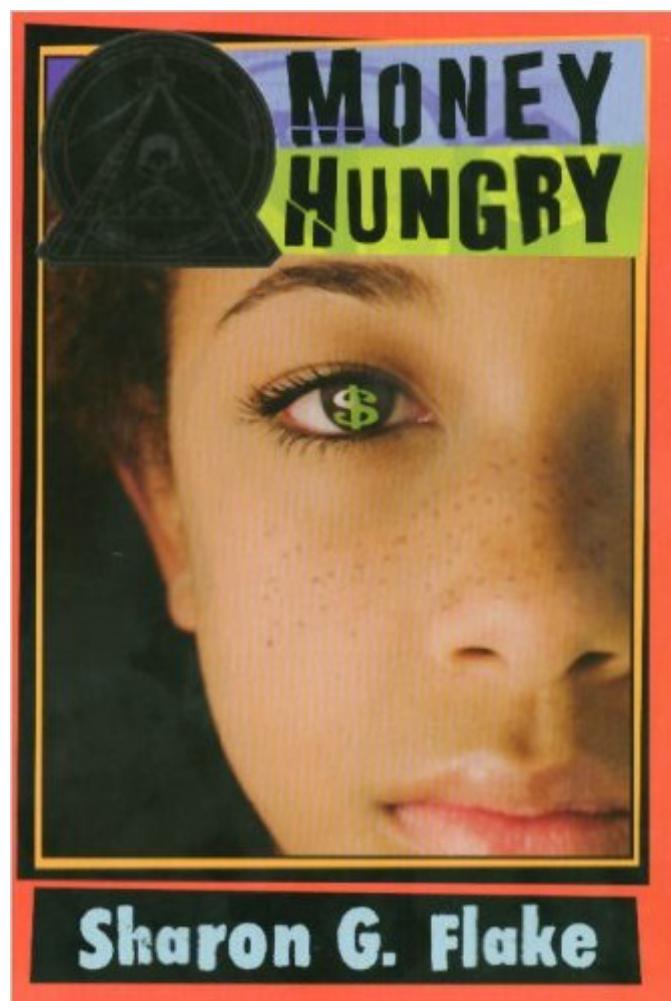


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Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Raspberry Hill is starved for money. She will do just about anything legal to get her hands on the almighty dollar--wash cars, sell rotten candy, skip lunch, clean houses. She is obsessed. She is driven. She is afraid. Memories of being homeless, sleeping in the streets, and eating handouts keep Raspberry's eye on the only prize that matters to her: cold, hard cash. When the green stuff greases her palm, she gets comfort from feeling its crinkly paper power. And, when money is your best friend, there's more to do than hold it. Raspberry kisses her cash. She smells it. She loves it. But even money can't answer the questions that keep Raspberry awake at night. Will she and Momma ever move out of the projects? What did Ja'nae do with the two hundred bucks Raspberry loaned her? And what's really going on with Momma and that rich doctor? A haunting story of greed and forgiveness by the award-winning author of *The Skin I'm In*, this unforgettable novel will keep you glued to every page. Bank on it.

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Sharon Flake has successfully written another inspiring book dealing with inner-city youth. *Money Hungry* was another breath taking story about the problems that inner-city youth face today. Just as she did in *The Skin I'm In*, Sharon created characters so true to life that the reader feels so in touch with each character. In *Money Hungry*, Raspberry is so worried about living on the streets again, she

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