Cajun family saga perfect for movie

Cajun

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Dubus: (b. 1913)

Here is an authentic story of a Cajun family called from their Nova Scotia home in 1750 by the British, who finally settled near St. Martinville four years later. The Claude Langlais family epitomizes not the storied romance of Francophones, but rather the realities of the hardships endured by post-civil-war settlers along the Teche. The Langlais family, through almost 200 years of growth and development, become the area's leading citizens in economic, social, and political life.

The Claude Langlais family remains the focus of the novel, yet many of the characters, from the children to the adults, are well-developed and provide a rich tapestry of life in the Louisiana bayou country.

The novel is a richly detailed portrait of life in the Louisiana bayou country, and it has been praised for its authenticity and its vivid portrayal of the Cajun way of life.

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Ms. Dubus manages her dialogue well, with the cadence of Cajun speech ringing as true as a good brown roux. The parallels could draw in any Cajun politician as a wise "treatise" on mind begging. And well worth four looks to go on.