

All That She Carried by Tiya Miles

Does your family have any special items that are passed from generation to generation? This nonfiction account begins in the 1850's, when an enslaved woman named Rose was facing a nightmare. Her daughter Ashley was about to be sold, so Rose quickly grabbed a sack and packed items to represent her family and the love they shared. 9-year-old Ashley was indeed sold and the sack began its historical journey through the generations. The author is an historian fascinated by this journey, and shares that with the reader. These words were sewn onto the sack later in time:

*My great grandmother Rose
mother of Ashley gave her this sack when
she was sold at age 9 in South Carolina
it held a tattered dress 3 handfuls of
pecans a braid of Roses hair. Told her
it be filled with my Love always
she never saw her again
Ashley is my grandmother*

Ruth Middleton

1921

I think you'll enjoy following this special heirloom as it travels through the ages and lives of Rose's descendants.