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The story of a young Jamaican girl, Gwendolen Brillianton, who is born into poverty and deserted by her parents when they emigrate to London. Being reunited with her parents and the siblings she has never met does not end her problems, and she realizes she must must fight her family and take control of her own life in order to recover from abuse and take pride in her self. Originally published as *Gwendolen*.

## **The Family Details**

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### **Serigne Mbaye says**

the main theme in this novel

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### **Sunnykimmy says**

I loved this book. I read it in middle school and while it was horrifying I also thought it was beautiful.

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### **Jennifer says**

I enjoyed the beginning of this novel, almost quit reading it when I arrived at the middle and am glad I finished reading "The Family." It offers a unique perspective on life for this Jamaican family, and it made me think about my comfortable life.

I recommend it for anyone who's interested in immigration, culture and family dynamics.

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### **Elizabeth says**

This may be the worst book by Buchi Emecheta I've read so far. It was truly painful. The characters seemed improbable and illogical. The better title for this would have been 'The Disturbed Family'.

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### **Megan says**

This is the 2nd book I've read by Emecheta, and both have been so good...somewhat heart-wrenching and also hopeful and resilient.

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### **Jerelyn says**

I could relate to this book on so many levels - the secrets we keep. Also, I love reading about the Jamaican experience in London. What happened to Gwendolyn was beyond the Jamaican experience. It happens everywhere.

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### **J.I. says**

This is a book with a happy ending... but not in the way one would expect.

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