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When Ola, a 16-year-old Nigerian who had just moved to Harlem, finds out that she is pregnant with twins, she knows that she is at a crossroads and that she will have to make it on her own for her family. Zeena Nackerdien explores the rich cultural identity of the mythical district of Harlem starting with a sensible and beautifully written introductory chapter called 'Hope' in which we discover the roots of the multi-ethnic community living there. This district, which is a micro-universe in itself and home to a remarkable diversity of cultures is the setting of the story of Ola's family.