**Book:** Life Is So Good

**Reviewer:** Literacy Class

**Level of Difficulty:** Medium

**My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:**

This is the autobiography of George Dawson, written with the assistance of Richard Glaubman. George is a 103 year-old slave’s grandson who learned to read when he was 98. The book tells the story of George’s life, as well as his description and thoughts about milestone events in 20th century America such as segregation and civil rights, wars and presidents. There are some difficult and sad parts in the book, particularly about the KKK and the general treatment of black people in the South. The book jumps around in time, so some students had a difficult time at first following the story.

**Students’ reactions to the book:**

The students enjoyed reading the book even though it jumps around somewhat. Many related to George’s work ethic, and enjoyed reading about historical events from the point of view of an uncomplicated, but wise, person.

**Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:**

Depending on the makeup of the class and their interest level, it might be possible for the class to research and learn more about the history of slavery. This would augment what it being talked about in the book.