Washington Black
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Plucked from his unrelenting work on a Barbados sugar plantation, an 11-year-old slave’s life changes when he becomes personal assistant to his master’s scientist brother. The story is full of complex, layered characters, edge-of-your-seat suspense, and the essence of what it means to be a human being. Wash’s determination to have the questions of his life answered is a profound road map to a meaningful life. You will never forget Washington Black.