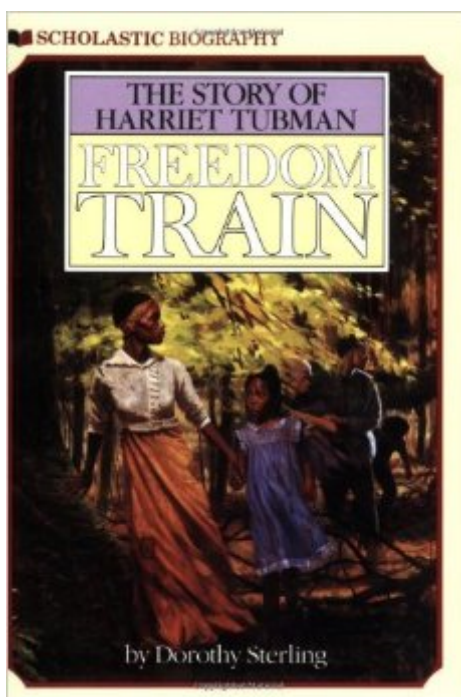


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Freedom Train: The Story Of Harriet Tubman



Synopsis

Born into slavery, young Harriet Tubman knew only hard work and hunger. Escape seemed impossible--certainly dangerous. Yet Harriet did escape North, by the secret route called the Underground Railroad. Harriet didn't forget her people. Again and again she risked her life to lead them on the same secret, dangerous journey.

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Customer Reviews

Harriet Tubman has to rate as one of the most amazing heroines in history. A slave born in America in about 1820, (I say about as she never really new her birth date). She was always fired with a stronger will than her 'master' and 'mistress' liked. As a very young girl she was taken to the big house but she never got on with the mistress. She ended up whipped and sent back to be a field hand. She was short, but she worked so hard she soon was capable of doing a mans work. However she never wished to bow her head to any one. When she was quite young she helped another slave escape and in the process was badly injured. Despite leaving her with sudden sleeping spells she escaped and went on to join the freedom train. Her inspirational way, strength and sheer will made her extremely successful at freeing many others - even when they eventually had to take the 'train' all the way to Canada. She even helped her elderly parents escape. This is as much a story of slavery in America as this outlines the background of what Harriet was doing. Why

she suddenly had to take her 'passengers' beyond the Delaware border to Canada. The wrangling of the slave-owning congress who wanted all slaves returned, that Lincoln refused to allow black troops in the civil war at first - and paid them only 2/3rds of what the white troops were earning. It also talks about Harriet's life after the end of the civil war and her support of her family, friends and freedmen institutions to better her community. This is a very well written, informative and entertaining book suitable for 8-12 year olds and I would highly recommend it. It is inspirational - about a girl who would not give up hope and when she could act on it. I really liked the fact that this story is about someone who actually made change. This is not a glamorous heroine, but one who really changed the face of America.

In the beginning of the book Harriet Tubman was planning how to escape from slavery. She worked on a plantation in the south like so many other slaves. Harriet Tubman escaped with another slave and they got caught a white man hit Harriet in the head with a heavy object which caused her to have a concussion. When she got better she tried it again and made it to the north, where she got a job. She went back and got her family and friends. Harriet started making friends on the way that would help her and other slaves escape to the north, so Harriet started going back to the south and freeing slaves. She freed more than 300 slaves over the years. Also Harriet fought in the army, became a nurse in a Negro hospital and trained other women to be nurses and founded the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She was a very tall black woman that could not read or write. But she did so much for the slaves and to help free them.

A wonderful book. When I say masterpiece, I mean masterpiece. A brilliant true story of a brave young woman who lives in the hearts of children as a role model. When I read the book I felt like I was really there. It is very realistic. Harriet Tubman is an excellent book. Read it!

This book was very informative, about the life of Harriet Tubman. What a wonderful, caring woman she was. She was truly a modern day Moses. She loved her people so much and helped them as much as she could. I would like to thank the author, for writing such a wonderful biography of Harriet Tubman. Thank you, Nick Sicignano 7th grade

This was an excellent book; well written, and fantastically interesting. A 3rd grader I mentor showed me a simpler version of Harriet Tubman's story and was excited to have read it. I had an old copy of this exact book (different cover, earlier publication) that I read and was amazed at Harriet's life. I

had heard only the abbreviated, textbook version in my youth, so this was an eye-opener as far as understanding history. Her individual story makes that part of history come alive. I bought this copy so I could give my student this more detailed accounting of Harriet's story. (Since she had so recently read the short version (golden book style), I told her to save it for summer.) I would certainly recommend this book to anyone with any interest in history, good biography, or just an engrossing story. It is all that. Harriet Tubman was an exceptional person. Much of the story is taken from notes transcribed after each of her trips "driving" the "Freedom Train", so the facts were gathered contemporaneously to her adventures, making them probably more reliable and detailed. Read it, you'll like it.

A very informative book for young readers about the courageous life of Harriet Tubman. A truly remarkable woman and leader. The book was accessible and well written. My 7 & 8 year old enjoyed it very much. I, myself, learned a lot from this book.

The best Harriet Tubman book on the market! My daughter had to read this for school, and the two of us enjoyed sitting down and reading it together. I was very excited to see what was going to happen next. The author did an amazing job drawing a picture with her words to make the reader feel as if she was there.

This book is about the trials and tribulations of Harriet Tubman, a woman whose feats can never be matched. The plot is never boring because it is true and nothing can get the heart pumping more than an adventure. It's a good book for book reports. Also read to young children so that they may learn about the past and the good traits they should learn. I could tell you the whole story but I'd prefer you read one of the best books I ever read *The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train*.

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