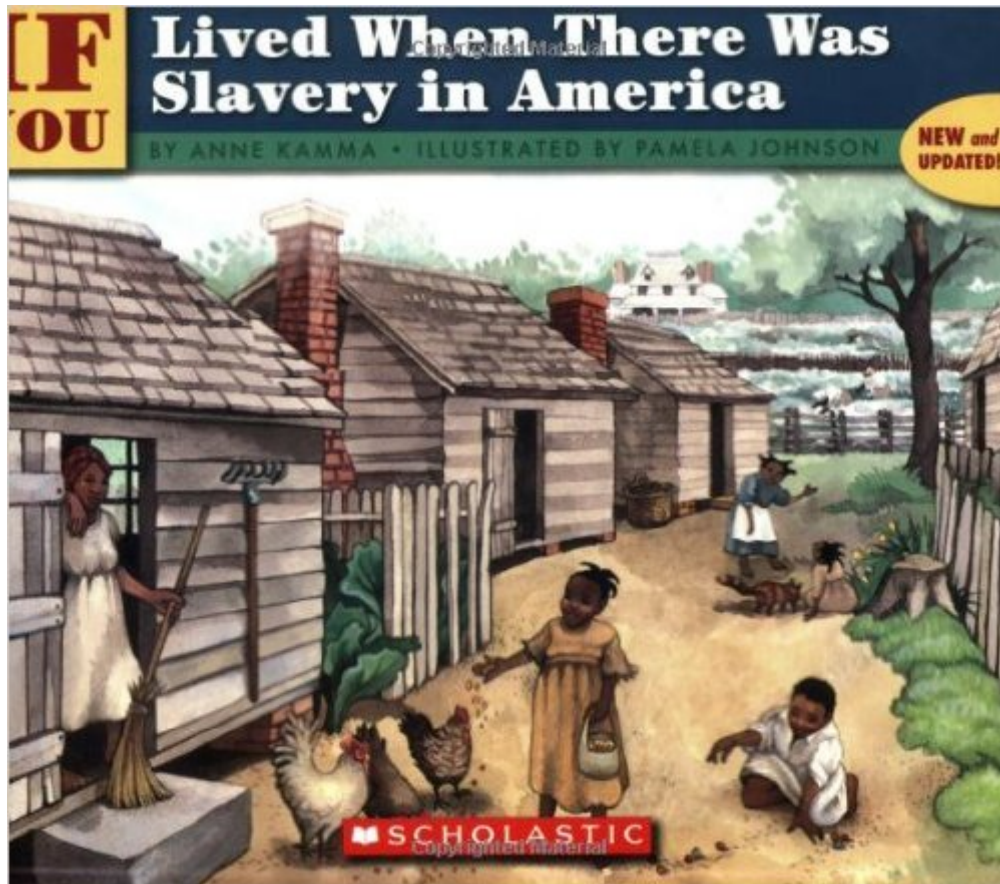


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# If You Lived When There Was Slavery In America



## Synopsis

This 24th book in the highly-regarded series explores an important aspect of America history often overlooked in textbooks. It is hard to imagine that, once, a person in America could be "owned" by another person. But from the time the colonies were settled in the 1600s until the end of the Civil War in 1865, millions of black people were bought and sold like goods. Where did the slaves come from? Where did they live when they were brought to this country? What kind of work did they do? With compassion and respect for the enslaved, this book answers questions children might have about this dismal era in American history.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

This surprisingly comprehensive little book addresses over 40 questions children would dream up about a slave's life...and a few they wouldn't. What did slaves wear? What did they eat? Would you live with your father and mother? What if your father belonged to another slave owner? Did the children have to work? What games did they play? Were any black people free? While the answers are by necessity simplified for the targeted age group (9-12) the content is honest and relatively thorough. I think this provides an excellent foundation for helping children understand this sad time

in American history. Includes web and physical addresses of seven historic/interpretive sites.

Young readers will come away from *If you Lived When There Was Slavery in America* with an I-was-there knowledge of the history and lives of slaves in America. Some of the information is especially interesting, since it comes directly from slave narratives or diaries. The story of Robert Glen's secret education from an owner's son and Emma Knight's report of sobbing in pain because of having no shoes in the freezing cold will stimulate genuine understanding, classroom discussion and a desire for further study. I highly recommend this wonderful book.

This book is simply incredible! My daughter read this book and was fascinated by the details that helped her understand how people really lived during slavery times. This book sparked such an interest in understanding her history until she is constantly reading and requesting more information about the struggles of African Americans. The book also makes for good conversations and an understanding of how obstacles and the struggles are life should be used to motivate us to seek better things in life. As an African American mother, it is absolutely necessary that our children be given all the tools to survive. This book helps them understand the importance of making the best of any kind of situation that you are placed in and always striving for something better!

So, I am a person who thinks it is important to know where you have been to know where you are going. With that said, I bought this book to teach my son about slavery (he is 7) so that he can start learning the history of our country, WHILE learning both the struggles and strides we have made as a people... as African-Americans AND as simply Americans. I thought this book was age appropriate, used great imagery and was clear, without being rude (in regards to Europeans) or causing one to form negative perceptions about them or Africans. It prompted a lot of thought-provoking questions from him which gave us many teachable moments and allowed us to have a dialogue that may not have been had without this book. I definitely recommend it for all parents and races and look forward to ordering more books from this publisher.

*If You Lived When There Was Slavery In America* is not accurate. Only 500,00 slaves were sent over to America? Slavery ended right when the civil war ended? Slaves had cabins? Much later they did. It didn't address that indentured slaves were White and they chose to permanently enslave anyone other than Whites. Actually, I don't think she knows what an indentured servant is or who or why they were in that situation. Civil War was ALREADY in place before Lincoln decided to cripple

the South financially by abolishing slavery. Lincoln said he would want to keep slaves and Black were Inferior to Whites etc. This author is uneducated on slavery. The further away you get from those who lived during that time the more watered down it will be. I understand it's for Children but even what she covered could have been the truth and accurate. If you are trying to teach your children the truth to have a better understanding from someone else's perspective, this book will hurt your child more than help them and cause more discourse due to ignorance.

this is a book that outta be required reading for all age groups because i don't think that children let alone adults can fully understand the complex and still unfair things that happen in America and how it all still impacts America and Society at large. reading about Slavery is so painful and always will be until its fully acknowledged as the Greatest Tragedy in American Life Period. a much needed reminder and read.

I wanted my son to get started on learning this part of his history but didn't want to slam him with too much of the details at once cause it can be emotional and hard to take in...even still for me, as an adult. This is a great book to introduce you little one to this part of history without being so overwhelming initially

This book was informative but it should be labeled a children's book. The reading level seemed more appropriate for children. As a matter of fact I am going to give it to my nephew and niece to read. These kids have no knowledge of the civil rights movement, let alone slavery.

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