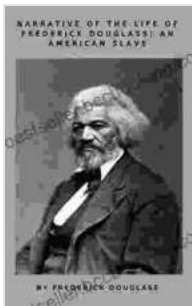


Frederick Douglass: An American Slave: An Eye-Opening Account of Slavery in the Antebellum South

Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in Maryland in 1818. He escaped to freedom in 1845 and went on to become a leading abolitionist, author, and orator. His autobiography, published in 1845, is essential reading for anyone interested in American history, slavery, and the fight for freedom.



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Douglass's Early Life

Douglass was born into slavery on a plantation in Maryland. His mother was a slave and his father was a white man. Douglass never knew his father's identity, but he believed that he was the son of his master, Aaron Anthony. Douglass's mother died when he was seven years old, and he was sent to live with his grandmother. He was taught to read and write by his grandmother, and he quickly developed a love of learning.

In 1838, Douglass was hired out to a slaveholder named Edward Covey. Covey was a cruel master who beat Douglass frequently. Douglass eventually escaped from Covey's plantation and made his way to New York City.

Douglass's Abolitionist Career

In New York, Douglass met William Lloyd Garrison, the leading abolitionist of the day. Garrison convinced Douglass to join the abolitionist movement. Douglass quickly became one of the most effective abolitionist speakers in the country. He spoke out against slavery at rallies and conventions, and he wrote articles for abolitionist newspapers.

Douglass's autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, was published in 1845. The book was a huge success and helped to turn the tide of public opinion against slavery. Douglass went on to write several other books, including *My Bondage and My Freedom* (1855) and *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass* (1881).

Douglass's Legacy

Frederick Douglass was one of the most important figures in the fight to abolish slavery. His autobiography is essential reading for anyone interested in American history, slavery, and the fight for freedom.

Douglass's legacy continues to inspire people today. He is a reminder that even the most difficult challenges can be overcome. He is a symbol of hope and freedom for people all over the world.

Additional Resources

- [The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site](#)

- The Frederick Douglass National Historic Park
- The Library of Congress's Frederick Douglass Collection

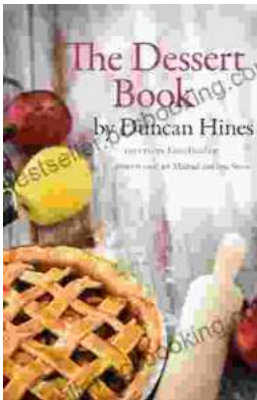


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