

Frederick Douglass Slavery And The Constitution 1845

introduction by kwame anthony appiah commentary by jean fagan yellin and margaret fuller this modern library edition combines two of the most important african american slave narratives crucial works that each illuminate and inform the other frederick douglass s narrative first published in 1845 is an enlightening and incendiary text born into slavery douglass became the preeminent spokesman for his people during his life his narrative is an unparalleled account of the dehumanizing effects of slavery and douglass s own triumph over it like douglass harriet jacobs was born into slavery and in 1861 she published incidents in the life of a slave girl now recognized as the most comprehensive antebellum slave narrative written by a woman jacobs s account broke the silence on the exploitation of african american female slaves and it remains essential reading includes a modern library reading group guide

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selections of speeches and writings from the great abolitionist and statesman focusing on the slave trade the civil war abraham lincoln suffrage for african americans southern reconstruction and other vital issues

the story of frederick douglass is passionate harrowing and inspiring as a former slave impassioned abolitionist gifted writer newspaper editor and powerful orator douglass was an immense motivational figure his early life filled with physical abuse deprivation and tragedy adds up to a heart wrenching history however he was able to overcome everything that bound a slave to his life and become a leading spokesman for his people in this first of his three autobiographies douglass relates graphic descriptions of his childhood his shocking experiences as a slave and his thrilling escape from slavery to safety in the north and his pivotal freedom originally published in 1845 a date significant for the fact that very few african americans could read or write at that time this tale of sadness danger and eventual liberation will appeal to readers of all kinds for those interested in african american history and the life of one of the most daring and heroic champions of civil rights this page turner is a perfect library addition skyhorse publishing along with our arcade good books sports publishing and yucca imprints is proud to publish a broad range of biographies autobiographies and memoirs our list includes biographies on well known historical figures like benjamin franklin nelson mandela and alexander graham bell as well as villains from history such as heinrich himmler john wayne gacy and o j simpson we have also published survivor stories of world war ii memoirs about overcoming adversity first hand tales of adventure and much more while not every title we publish becomes a new york times bestseller or a national bestseller we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home

this revision of the acclaimed and widely assigned norton critical edition of frederick douglass s great autobiography narrative of the life of frederick douglass an american slave written by himself includes key examples of literary and cultural analyses that have engaged scholars over the last three decades this norton critical edition includes frederick douglass s 1845 narrative the most influential autobiography of its kind a preface and explanatory footnotes by william l andrews and william s mcfeely contemporary perspectives by douglass

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presents the autobiography of douglass an american slave and his journey out of mental and physical bondage

my bondage and my freedom was one of several works written by frederick douglass in his lifetime and was published in 1855 this work is a powerful and revealing autobiography in which douglass narrates his journey from slavery to freedom offering an intimate and profound view of his life and the conditions faced by the enslaved in the united states over time various biographies have been written and continue to be written about this iconic abolitionist with increasing quality and scope however to understand the thoughts and character of a real person there is nothing better than hearing the story with all its circumstances mistakes and successes told by the one who lived it firsthand this is the purpose of frederick douglass s autobiography to bring to the public the courageous and visionary man who was born enslaved and through his determination and intelligence became one of the most influential and respected voices in the fight for the abolition of slavery and civil rights in the united states this work is part of the voices of america autobiographies collection which aims to highlight the life stories of important figures in american history told by themselves

narrative of the life of frederick douglass an american slave frederick douglass frederick douglass was born in slavery as frederick augustus washington bailey near easton in talbot county maryland he was not sure of the exact year of his birth but he knew that it was 1817 or 1818 as a young boy he was sent to baltimore to be a house servant where he learned to read and write with the assistance of his master s wife in 1838 he escaped from slavery and went to new york city where he married anna murray a free colored woman whom he had met in baltimore soon thereafter he changed his name to frederick douglass in 1841 he addressed a convention of the massachusetts anti slavery society in nantucket and so greatly impressed the group that they immediately employed him as an agent he was such an impressive orator that numerous persons doubted if he had ever been a slave so he wrote narrative of the life of frederick douglass during the civil war he assisted in the recruiting of colored men for the 54th and 55th massachusetts regiments and consistently argued for the emancipation of slaves after the war he was active in securing and protecting the rights of the freemen in

his later years at different times he was secretary of the santo domingo commission marshall and recorder of deeds of the district of columbia and united states minister to haiti his other autobiographical works are my bondage and my freedom and life and times of frederick douglass published in 1855 and 1881 respectively he died in 1895

a classic story of agonizing circumstances and enduring hope the narrative of the life of frederick douglass is an eloquent account of a young man s life under slavery and his eventual escape written to promote the abolitionist cause it became the best selling fugitive slave narrative of the era this autobiography is a powerful reminder of the brutality of slavery and the terrors that african american people were forced to endure

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originally published in 1845 narrative of the life of frederick douglass an american slave is an 1845 memoir and treatise on abolition written by famous orator and former slave frederick douglass

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douglass cultivated himself to such an extent that the listeners of his lectures doubted if his narratives were true his autobiography is both a compelling tale of

a slave and a contribution to the public discourse on slavery

i think upon the whole i have passed a tolerably cheerful and even joyful life i have never felt myself isolated since i entered the field to plead the cause of the slave and demand equal rights for all in every town and city where it has been my lot to speak there have been raised up for me friends of both colors to cheer and strengthen me in my work i have always felt too that i had on my side all the invisible forces of the moral government of the universe from chapter 17 incidents and events american icon frederick douglass 1818 1895 editor orator author statesman and reformer told his life story three times first in 1845 s narrative of the life of frederick douglass he felt it necessary to explain how a man born in chains could rise to national prominence and respect in 1855 with my bondage and my freedom he expanded upon his story with a more in depth and even more thoughtful exploration of his life as a slave and his journey to escape it both astonishing and essential books are also available from cosimo his third autobiography the life and times of frederick douglass first published in 1881 and presented here in the thoroughly revised 1892 edition is his most reflective offering the perspective of a man at the end of long life well lived douglass retells the story of his childhood and escape from slavery offering details that he could not previously reveal with friends family and other innocents still in the thrall of slavemasters now though with the civil war and emancipation well behind the nation douglass can also offer more provocative analyses of his own battle for personal freedom and his fight for the very soul of the nation this classic of african american literature and of 19th century american history is a must read for anyone wishing to consider himself well read

former slave and abolitionist frederick douglass in his own words considered to be the most famous work written by a former slave this memoir first published in 1845 set the tone for the american abolitionist movement within four months of its publication it had sold more than five thousand copies the book not only describes douglass life as a slave but it also reveals his tremendous journey to becoming a free man this edition features a new introduction the knickerbocker classics bring together the works of classic authors from around the world in stunning gift editions to be collected and enjoyed complete and unabridged these elegantly designed cloth bound hardcovers feature a slipcase and ribbon marker as well as a comprehensive introduction providing the reader with enlightening information on the author s life and works

first published in 1855 my bondage and my freedom is the second of three autobiographies written by the former slave and famed abolitionist frederick

douglass in this work douglass focuses his narrative on his transition from slavery to freedom as well as examining the state of race relations and the politics of slavery leading up to the american civil war written nearly ten years after his emancipation in 1846 douglass reflects on his journey from a newly freed slave from maryland where he toiled away in harsh and violent conditions to a free man in massachusetts where he encountered a new form of oppression and bondage douglass examines the social implications of the various forms of slavery that the black man was subjected to in 19th century america and how he himself broke those bonds to become a prominent speaker and influential figure in the fight for freedom and civil rights a success he credited to his faith and literacy in the pages of this deeply personal and inspiring work we find the voice that made frederick douglass one of the nation s most prominent figures in the american anti slavery movement as well as an intimate portrait of his life this edition is printed on premium acid free paper and includes an introduction by james mccune smith

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the life and times of frederick douglass was douglass third autobiography in it he was able to go into greater detail about his life as a slave and his escape from

slavery as he and his family were no longer in any danger from the reception of his work it is also the only of douglass autobiographies to discuss his life during and after the civil war including his encounters with american presidents such as lincoln grant and garfield

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