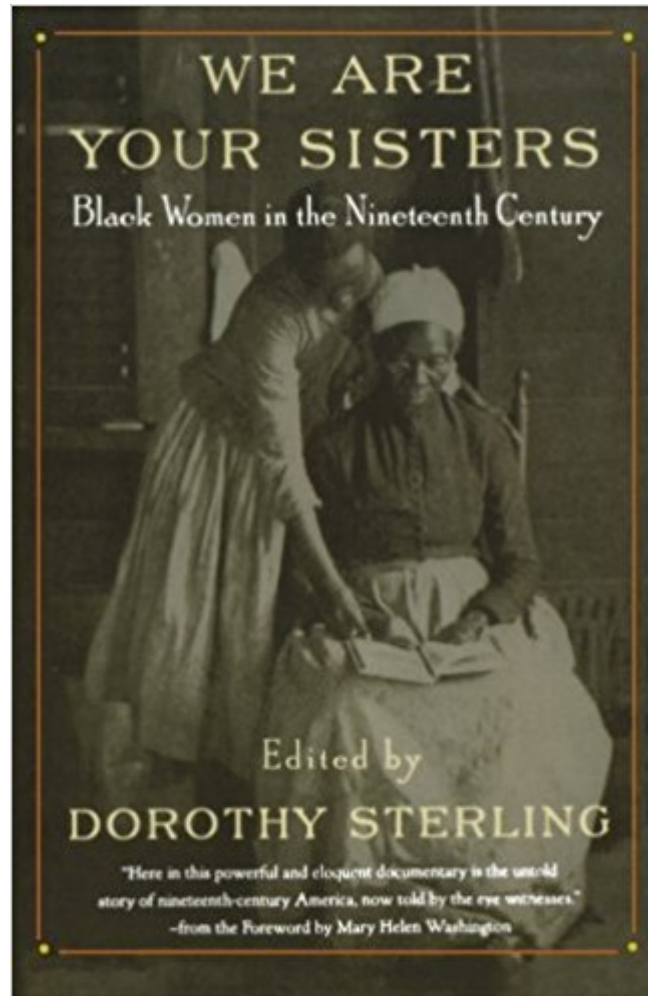


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# We Are Your Sisters: Black Women In The Nineteenth Century



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Awesome write and phenomenal read. I am using this book as a reference guide and it is truly amazing. It has giving me a deeper insight and the meaning of sisterhood.

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Very good information on the history of African American women. Good tool for a high school or college course on African American studies.

As an African American female I found this book to be very informative. I am always in awe of your strength and character. I look forward to learning more!

Great book!!

Despite the bondage and suppression, my ancestors were fearless. This book proves it! I'm so glad I got a copy

This book is better than reality tv. It is a collection of real life accounts, diary entries, and pictures of black women in America during slavery and after emancipation. It includes excerpts from slaves, doctors, teachers, writers, women's rights and black activists, maids, cooks, laundresses, etc. It gives a real life account of what was really going on in the 1800's in black America. The book made me laugh, cry, get angry, etc., while reading it I went through a barrage of emotions. Among its entertainment values, it is also very educational and informative. I had no idea that there were black

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