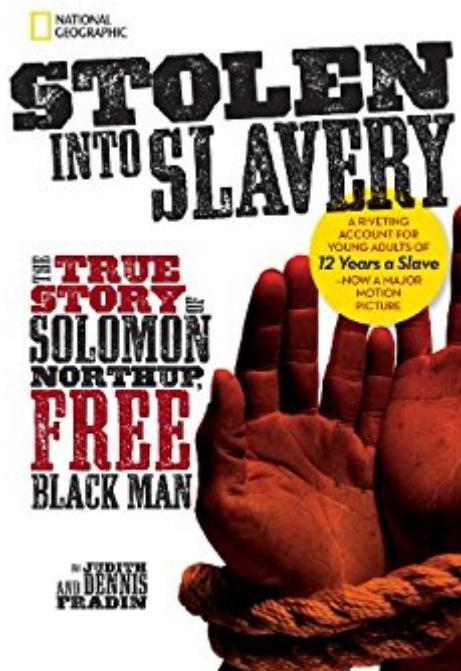


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Stolen Into Slavery: The True Story Of Solomon Northup, Free Black Man (History (US))



Synopsis

The true story behind the acclaimed movie 12 Years a Slave, this book is based on the life of Solomon Northup, a free black man from New York who was captured in the United States and sold into slavery in Louisiana. Solomon Northup awoke in the middle of the night with his body trembling. Slowly, he realized that he was handcuffed in a dark room and his feet were chained to the floor. He managed to slip his hand into his pocket to look for his free papers that proved he was one of 400,000 free blacks in a nation where 2.5 million other African Americans were slaves. They were gone. This remarkable story follows Northup through his 12 years of bondage as a man kidnapped into slavery, enduring the hardships of slave life in Louisiana. But the tale also has a remarkable ending. Northup is rescued from his master's cotton plantation in the deep South by friends in New York. This is a compelling tale that looks into a little known slice of history, sure to rivet young readers and adults alike. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit www.natgeoed.org/commoncore for more information.

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I recently read there is a movie being made about Solomans' life. When I was in school we had old books that did not give much information about slavery. I vowed when I was a child that when I get grown I am going to have a African-American Library! I kept that vow and now with the help of .com I have my Librayry! I have already purchased about 20 books and plan to purchase about 30 more(or more)! My mother always told me you are never to old to learn. I plan to read every book published about slavery, slave runaways, and theri life after slavery. Soloman was such a brave man never giving up when returned to slavery. Slavery was brutal but many never gave up and lived a good life after slavery.

This book really gets you into it. There is no dead spots where you fall asleep trying to read it. And most importantly a inspiring story over all you will not be disappointed with this purchase.

Excellent book! This book takes you on a journey of freedom and slavery and back again. It offers a window into the heartache of life as a slave. The book offers insight into not only the darkness of the people encountered, but also the goodness of those he encountered during this horrible nightmare.

I didn't get a chance to see this movie while it was in the theaters. I look forward to watching it on DVD. I couldn't put the book down once I started reading it. Everybody should read this book and I would hope that it's apart of history class somewhere!!!

I thought this book explained in great detail the unfortunate events that took place in the life of Solomon Northup. It pained my soul to relive this unspeakable treatment of one human being to another from these pages, but I wanted to get a thorough understanding of what happened before I decided to check the movie out. This was a very interesting read.

I commend the author and the illustrator for this book. They must have done there homework. They presented facts from Northrop's life. It helped that they drew pictures and inserted them into the story.

This book was all that and more. Enjoyed every page of reading.

My sixth grade son really appreciated how it described his life and how people helped him along the

way. He learned how African Americans could be kidnapped into slavery - something he did not know had happened.

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