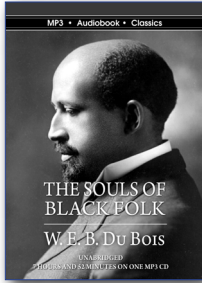


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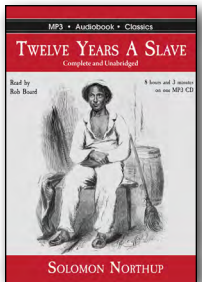
The Souls of Black Folk

Author: W. E. B. Du Bois (1868 - 1963)
 Read by: Toria's Uncle
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 7 hours and 22 minutes
 Genre: Non-Fiction, History, Sociology

The Souls of Black Folk is a fundamental work in three distinct areas: it is a classic in the annals of American Literature, a seminal work in the discipline of sociology, and a cornerstone of Afro-American literature. Published in 1903, the book is a collection of essays that cover the various aspects of the black experience. In it he introduces the metaphor of the veil as a visual symbol of the color line and the corresponding idea of "double-consciousness" that describes the reality of constantly perceiving one's self both subjectively and through the eyes of others. In addition to sections on history, education, the sociology of the black community, and the role of the black church, there are narratives of the lives of individuals, a short story, and a closing chapter on black music. The importance and the impact of the book cannot be overstated. In *Living Black History*, Du Bois's biographer, Manning Marable, observes: "The Souls of Black Folk... helped to create the intellectual argument for the black freedom struggle in the twentieth century... justified the pursuit of higher education for Negroes and thus contributed to the rise of the black middle class."

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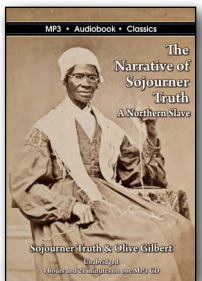
Twelve Years A Slave

Author: Solomon Northup (1808 - 1863)
 Read by: Rob Board
 Length: 8 hours and 4 minutes
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir; History

Twelve Years a Slave (1853) is a memoir by Solomon Northup, a black man who was born free. The story tells of being kidnapped, sold as a slave, and shipped to work on plantations in Louisiana for 12 years. Northup narrative describes the slave markets in Washington DC and New Orleans and his experience on the cotton and sugar plantations. With the help of a sympathetic ally he was eventually able to contact friends and family in New York and secure his release. The work was published on the heels of Harriet Beecher Stowe's best-selling *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852) and also became a bestseller, selling 30,000 copies. After several editions the book fell into obscurity until the early 1960s. It has since been adapted and produced as the 1984 PBS television movie *Solomon Northup's Odyssey* and the 2013 Academy Award-winning film *12 Years a Slave*.

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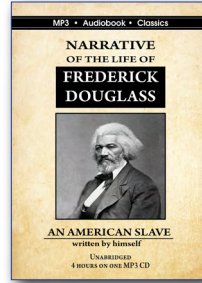
The Narrative of Sojourner Truth

Author: Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) and Olive Gilbert (1801-1884)
 Read by: Multiple readers
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 4 hours and 21 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir; History

The Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave (1850) reminds us that slavery at one time existed throughout the United States. Born Isabella Baumfree to a slave family 95 miles north of New York City, her narrative describes the world of northern slavery: squalid living conditions, disruption of families, sale at auction, and cruel treatment. In 1826 she escaped to freedom and soon after became a devout Christian. In

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1843 she changed her name to Sojourner Truth and took to the road as a preacher and social reformer. A mesmerizing public speaker, she delivered hundreds of speeches advocating equal rights for blacks and women. She gained national recognition for a speech at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in 1851 that came to be known as "Ain't I a Woman?". The Smithsonian Institution named her to their list of 100 Most Significant Americans in 2014 and she was chosen by the U.S. Treasury in 2016 as one of five women to appear on the back of the \$10 bill.



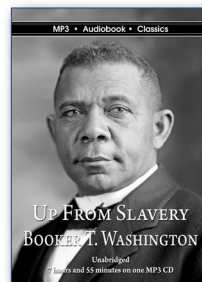
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Author: Frederick Douglass (1818 - 1895)
 Read by: Jeanette Ferguson
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 4 hours
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir; History

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, published in 1845, was one of the first accounts written by slaves about their experience and was influential in stimulating the abolitionist movement. The first nine chapters deal with his earliest years, his separation from his mother, the cruel treatment of slaves, his childhood struggles to learn to read and write, his growing awareness of the possibility of freedom, and his movements as a piece of property through numerous masters during his youth. In the last two chapters he brawls with a cruel master, serves 2 years in prison, works as a tradesman, becomes engaged to a free black woman, and finally escapes to the north. The book was a quick success, selling 5,000 copies in the first few months and 30,000 by 1860. Ironically, the awareness it generated forced him to flee to England and Ireland to avoid being recaptured in the U.S., as prevailing laws required. The public was astonished that a former slave could be so literate. Margaret Fuller, a noted critic and reviewer, wrote "we have never read [a narrative] more simple, true, coherent, and warm with genuine feeling."

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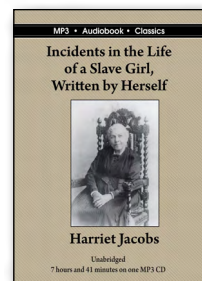
Up From Slavery

Author: Booker T. Washington (1856 - 1915)
 Read by: Multiple readers
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Length: 7 hours and 55 minutes
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir; History

In his autobiography, *Up from Slavery*, Booker T. Washington chronicles his personal experiences as he rose from a slave child emancipated at age nine to the obstacles he overcame to attend Hampton University and become the leader of the Tuskegee Institute. He recalls the generosity of teachers and of philanthropists such as the leaders of Standard Oil, Kodak, and Sears in helping blacks and Native Americans get an education. He emphasizes the importance of instilling self-esteem, manners, and good health in his students and the virtue of combining academics with practical knowledge of a trade. *Up from Slavery* was published in 1901 and became a best seller. It was listed by the Modern Library at No. 3 on its 1998 list of the 100 Best Non-Fiction Books of the 20th Century.

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Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Author: Harriett Jacobs (1813 - 1897)
 Read by: Elizabeth Klett
 Length: 7 hours and 41 minutes
 Format: MP3 CD in DVD case
 Genre: Biography, Autobiography & Memoir; History

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl is one of the first books in the slave narrative genre that spoke to the issues of sexual abuse faced by slave women. The book is addressed to northern white women, with the underlying message that abuse of female slaves by white male masters is corrosive to the family and marriage unit. Harriet Jacobs wrote her account secretly at night in the nursery of the home of her employer. It was serialized in the New York Tribune and then published in 1861 in book form under the pseudonym Linda Brent to protect the identity of its author, who was subject to capture and return to her owner under the terms of the Fugitive Slave Act. Names of all the key characters were changed as well. The release of the book in 1861 met with favorable reviews but coincided with the bankruptcy of the publisher. After the war it was considered a novel due to the use of the pseudonym. Interest was revived when scholar Jean Fagan Yellin confirmed the identity of the author and historians began to better understand the connection to feminist issues.

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