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DK Biography: Harriet Tubman



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Customer Reviews

Born as Araminta Ross around 1822, Harriet Tubman endured the horrors of slavery while growing up in Maryland. Not only did brutal whippings and beatings from several slave-owners leave her with permanent scars, she also suffered a serious head wound at the hands of an angry overseer that would cause her to have headaches, vivid dreams, and episodes of narcolepsy for the rest of her life. Motivated by frustration, fear, and spiritual visions, Harriet escaped from slavery when she was in her mid-twenties and found refuge in Philadelphia. It did not take long for Harriet to return to Maryland to rescue members of her family, a trip that marked the beginning of a series of missions to guide other slaves along the Underground Railroad en route to freedom. Known as "Moses" to all those she encountered, Harriet did not lose a single person entrusted to her care. Over the course of her long life, she also worked tirelessly as an abolitionist, a Union spy and nurse during the Civil

War, an advocate for women's rights, and the benefactor of a home for the elderly. This carefully-researched book constitutes a valuable resource for young people seeking to learn more about Harriet Tubman's personal background and her lifelong quest for social justice. In a dense literature of biographical accounts, this particular contribution stands out for its rich presentation of photographs, images, and sidebar notes, all combined with clear lessons about the injustice of slavery and racial discrimination.

Best biography, with up-to-date research information for the reader with little time and who likes the fantastic photos of Harriet Tubman, artifacts and places we associate with UK DK Eyewitness books! Hope Kem Knapp Sawyer writes one on Sojourner Truth, formerly human slave near Kingston, NY (29 years), preacher, speaker, women's rights advocate and abolitionist. Not all slaves were freed in NYS in 1827, rather if born after 1799, 25 years more (women), and 28 years more (men).

See http://people.hofstra.edu/alan_j_singer/Gateway%20Slavery%20Guide%20PDF%20Files/4.%20New%20Nation,%201783-1827/5.%20Documents/1817.%20Gradual%20manumission.pdf See also Alan J. Singer's fine, 100+ paged book, "New York and Slavery."

This is a very informative book for all ages. With the publicity about Harriet Tubman going on the 20 dollar bill, I was intrigued to learn more about her. After looking at the choice of books I decided on the DK Biography. I was not disappointed. I got a quick, basic education, and learned a fair amount about her. Hopefully my three grandchildren (ages 9 - 12), especially the oldest who likes history, will enjoy the book also.

Well written, expertly documented, excellent photographs complementing the narrative: author Kem Knapp Sawyer has added yet another superb volume to her finely crafted biographies for all readers.

A good overview of her life and accomplishments not as detailed as I was hoping,

My daughter loves this book. Harriet Tubman is such a great role model.

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