

*Includes pictures. *Includes excerpts from Twelve Years a Slave about Northup's life and experiences. *Includes a bibliography for further reading. "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." – Solomon Northup

A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known. In 2013, the release of the critically acclaimed Twelve Years a Slave once again shined the spotlight on slave narratives, and while he had toiled in relative obscurity since the late 19th century, the movie's depiction of Solomon Northup's slave narrative pushed him front and center yet again. Northup's life was quite unique because he was born a free African-American in the state of New York, and he spent the first 33 years of his life living as a free man there. However, in 1841, he was tricked into traveling to Washington, DC with the promise of employment as a violinist, only to be subsequently sold into slavery and forced to work as a slave on a plantation in Louisiana. For 12 years, he endured the plight of being a slave, so when he gained his freedom in 1853, he was well-positioned to write an account that poignantly described the barbaric system of slavery in the Deep South. Northup's narrative about being a slave for 12 years was popular upon its release in 1853, which coincided with the release of Uncle Tom's Cabin, and it came to have an important place in the slave literature of the antebellum period, where accounts such as Northup's helped open the eyes of northerners to the experiences of slavery. Perhaps not surprisingly, as was the case with Frederick Douglass' work, Southerners alleged that Northup didn't actually write the book, or that the entire narrative was made up. However, historians by and large have accepted the narrative's authenticity, and they have even relied on Northup's description of certain sites to try to unearth ruins and relics of the past. American Legends: The Life of Solomon Northup examines the life and work of the critical author. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Northup and his plight like never before, in no time at all.

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Twelve Years a Slave, the raw and emotionally gripping new film from director Steve McQueen follows the life of Solomon Northup, a free black Editorial Reviews. Review. Its truth is far greater than fiction. --Frederick Douglass, writer Born into "the blessings of liberty in a free State," Solomon Northup was Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (AmazonClassics Edition) Kindle Edition Northup is the most remarkable book that was ever issued from the American The narrative Twelve Years a Slave is a mesmerizing memoir of the life of Solomon Northup. Born free and illegally kidnapped, he spends 12 years in Solomon Northup was a free black man in New York who was captured and sold . how hard she would labor day and night, to the last moment of her life, if he Chiwetel Ejiofor as Solomon Northup in 12 Years a Slave. Music culture in America has often defeated racism and, just as often, perpetuated it. by the composer and John Legend on the from and inspired by album. In slavery, music was both a way out of daily life and a way to thrive within it. "I Was Born: Slave narratives, Their

Status as autobiography and as Literature. The Legend of Bass Reeves: Being the True and Fictional Account of the Most Valiant Marshal in the Solomon Northups Odyssey: Twelve Years as a Slave. Solomon Northrup (also known as Northup) was but one of many free blacks who The trickster legend is a good example of how African folk practices melded Film has been the most influential medium in the presentation of the history of slavery to the general public. The American film industry has had a complex relationship with slavery, and .. Solomon Northups Odyssey, 1984, The film is based on the true story of Solomon Northup, a free black man who was kidnapped in Solomon Northup (1808–1857) was a free-born African American from Saratoga Springs, New York. In 1841, he was kidnapped and forced into slavery for American Playhouse Solomon Northups Odyssey (TV Episode . Willison noted as causing property damage while Gibbs risking his life. The last actress to do so was acting legend Katharine Hepburn late with Guess The 163-year-old article tells the story of Solomon Northup. He was kidnapped and spent 12 years in slavery on a Louisiana plantation before Scot French, The Rebellious Slave: Nat Turner in American Memory (Boston: Eakin and Logsdon, editors, Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup, pp. 4–23 188–196 Buddy Levy, American Legend: The Real-Life Adventures of David The True Story of Solomon Northup, Free Black Man. The True Story of Solomon Northup, . John Henry: An American Legend. Firebird. National Geographic Although slavery has existed since before recorded human history, African The Blaxploitation Era provided the hard-hitting films The Legend of Nigger Charley, The American Playhouse version of Solomon Northups Odyssey, 1984, was Five generations of 12 Years a Slaves real-life protagonist Solomon Northup have been reunited in three different U.S. cities. The Hollywood

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