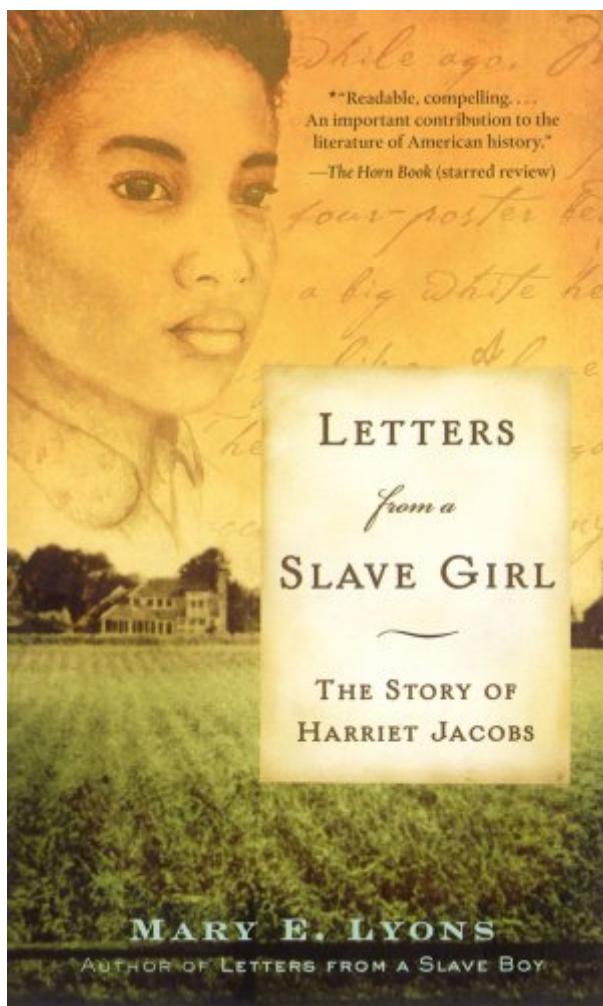


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# Letters From A Slave Girl: The Story Of Harriet Jacobs



## Synopsis

Harriet Jacobs was born into slavery; it's the only life she has ever known. Now, with the death of her mistress, there is a chance she will be given her freedom, and for the first time Harriet feels hopeful. But hoping can be dangerous, because disappointment is devastating. Harriet has one last hope, though: escape to the North. And as she faces numerous ordeals, this hope gives her the strength she needs to survive. Based on the true story of Harriet Ann Jacobs, *LETTERS FROM A SLAVE GIRL* reveals in poignant detail what thousands of African-American women had to endure not long ago. It's a story that will enlighten, anger, and never be forgotten.

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In the book *Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs*, she writes letters to her family members that have passed away or that are no longer living near her. The story does a great job of portraying the life of a young African American girl growing up in the South. All Harriet wants is freedom for entire family and her. While searching for her freedom this book shows the trials and tribulations that slaves had to go through. It also shows how unfair our world was at this time. I really

enjoy this book for the most part. It was very interesting throughout the entire book. The only thing that made it difficult to read is because some of the words were misspelled since it was supposed to be real letters from Harriet and she was having to teach herself to read and write so to make it seem real the author purposefully misspelled some of the words. Overall it was a really great book.SLC3301

Not a reader, but this was pretty interesting. Had to read this for school.

Excellent retelling of a captivating narrative. The use of the letter format was innovative & interesting. A must read for any American history lover.

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great historical book. My 12 year old daughter really enjoyed reading this book. She does not enjoy reading. Highly recommend it.

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Letters from a Slave Girl: the Story of Harriet Jacob by, Mary Lyons Imagine being in an attic for seven long years of your life with no one to talk to and nothing to do except write in a journal. This is how Harriet Jacobs in the novel, Letters from a Slave Girl: the Story of Harriet Jacobs, feels. This historical fiction story is told through imaginary letters written by Harriet to her loved ones, which make this novel a fantastic piece of work. The author, Mary Lyons, takes us back to the slave era, where blacks were seen as inferiors to whites. She creates a female protagonist who is filled with such bravery and excitement, which makes her character seem so realistic. She tells this powerful story in such great detail that it leaves a trail of tissues behind. Harriet Jacobs, a slave who is seeking freedom from her mistress's father, Dr. Norcum, after being harassed verbally and physically, runs away to claim her freedom. She escapes to the attic of her grandmother's house for seven long years of her life. In the attic she has to be quiet, and is unable to move around. In the winter she freezes, and in the summer she is blistering hot. She has nothing else to do all day, except write in her journal, where she expresses her feelings since she has no one to confide in. Later she escapes to the North, where she plays an active role in helping slaves escape to the "free states." She also writes an autobiography of her life as a slave and the dreadful life she lives. She wanted to make a difference in the world, and didn't want anyone to go through the pain and suffering that she went through. This novel portrays the fact that when people go through a miserable experience in life, they try to prevent the same thing from happening to others. In this book, Harriet is petrified of Dr. Norcum, and after enduring all the pain and suffering brought on by slavery, she decides to run away to escape from all her pain, and Dr. Norcum's controlling ways. When she escapes to the "free states" she joins an abolition movement to prevent slavery. Harriet is so full of passion and perseverance, so full of fire, it gives this book its zing. Harriet is a heroine striving against a backdrop of actual events, and real characters. She reveals underlying truths in the sad histories of many slaves. This book reveals the inhumanity suffered by our ancestors. Displayed by the fictitious letter this story is written so you can successfully experience the sentimental value, which the slaves portrayed. Your emotions will run wild from anger and excitement to sadness and fear. One minute you will be sitting on your bed reading, and the next, you will be running through the woods with Harriet trying to escape to the "free states." Letters from a Slave Girl: the Story of Harriet Jacob's is a fantastic achievement. It successfully expresses the emotions that people felt in the slave era. You will fear and cry right along with the characters as though you were right there with them! This historical fiction novel is a rewarding book that will teach

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