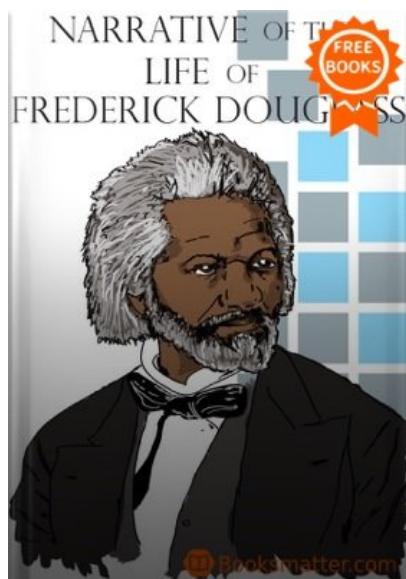


## Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

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### Summary

This autobiography is the first book from the brilliant writer, advocate, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Relating the story of Douglass' life from his birth into slavery to his escape and first few years of freedom, this account became instrumental in stirring up anti-slavery sentiments before the Civil War. Douglass is born a slave in eastern Maryland, never knowing his father and separated from his mother as a young child. When his owner's wife begins to teach him to read, and is subsequently chastised for it, Douglass discovers that the path to freedom is through education. His young life is a constant battle against injustice, peaking with an intense fight against the brutal slave driver Mr. Covey. Yet Douglass manages to free himself from captivity and devote his life to freeing others. It's a chilling reminder of the horrors of slavery and an inspirational portrait of a great mind triumphing over oppressive forces.

*Frederick Douglass (né Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey) was born a slave in the state of Maryland in 1818. After his escape from slavery, Douglass became a renowned abolitionist, editor and feminist. Having escaped from slavery at age 20, he took the name Frederick Douglass for himself and became an advocate of abolition. Douglass traveled widely, and often perilously, to lecture against slavery.*

*His first of three autobiographies, *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*, was published in 1845. In 1847 he moved to Rochester, New York, and started working with fellow abolitionist [Martin R. Delany](#) to publish a weekly anti-slavery newspaper, *North Star*. Douglass was the only man to speak in favor of [Elizabeth Cady Stanton's](#) controversial plank of woman suffrage at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. As a signer of the *Declaration of Sentiments*, Douglass also promoted woman suffrage in his *North Star*. Douglass and Stanton remained lifelong friends.*

*In 1870 Douglass launched *The New National Era* out of Washington, D.C. He was nominated for vice-president by the Equal Rights Party to run with Victoria Woodhull as presidential candidate in 1872. He became U.S. marshal of the District of Columbia in 1877, and was later appointed minister resident and consul-general to Haiti. His District of Columbia home is a national historic site. D. 1895.*

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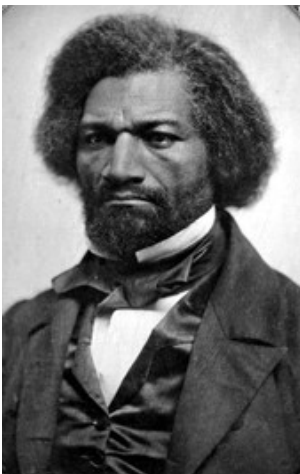
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