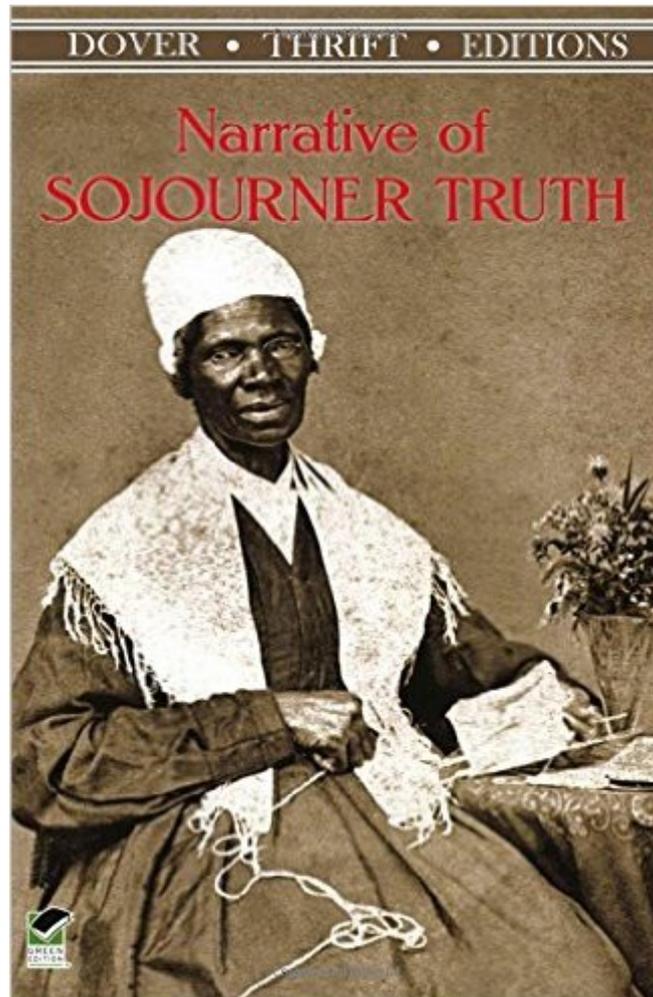


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# Narrative Of Sojourner Truth (Dover Thrift Editions)



## Synopsis

One of the most famous and admired African-American women in U.S. history, Sojourner Truth sang, preached, and debated at camp meetings across the country, led by her devotion to the antislavery movement and her ardent pursuit of women's rights. Born into slavery in 1797, Truth fled from bondage some 30 years later to become a powerful figure in the progressive movements reshaping American society. This remarkable narrative, first published in 1850, offers a rare glimpse into the little-documented world of Northern slavery. Truth recounts her life as a slave in rural New York, her separation from her family, her religious conversion, and her life as a traveling preacher during the 1840s. She also describes her work as a social reformer, counselor of former slaves, and sponsor of a black migration to the West. A spellbinding orator and implacable prophet, Truth mesmerized audiences with her tales of life in bondage and with her moving renditions of Methodist hymns and her own songs. Frederick Douglass described her message as a "strange compound of wit and wisdom, of wild enthusiasm, and flint-like common sense." This inspiring account of a black woman's struggles for racial and sexual equality is essential reading for students of American history, as well as for those interested in the continuing quest for equality of opportunity.

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## Customer Reviews

Some people look on accounts of slavery as being only for black Americans to read. This is untrue. The horror and evil of slavery is something that every American should confront. This is not to hang or condemn anyone. Its just to say that a book like The Narrative of Sojourner Truth is something that everyone should read. I was at times stunned by Sojourner Truths startling courage in the face of the evil she faced. It was also enlightening to read about the slavery of the Northern states like New York and that so many people in that region still spoke Dutch even well into the 19th Century. I was infuriated reading about the treatment of the slaves but I also was inspired by Sojourner Truths dignity and strength. Much like the Nazi holocaust, slavery is a horror that must never be allowed to happen again. If everyone read books like this, we would be one step closer to making that a reality.

I was excited to read the narrative until I received it. The book I read was less than 80 pages for one, which is supposed to be the original workings just republished, and for two I felt it did not have the voice of Mrs. Sojourner Truth. I have read other workings from her like the great speech "Ar'n't I a Woman". This speech, although delivered in slave tongue and broken English, is one of the most revered poems of all times. I was saddened when I opened the book and began to read the words of a white woman detailing what Sojourner had "told" her. I thought I was going to be reading something straight from Sojourner herself, something authentic and I found myself trying to decipher between the author Olive Gilbert voice and Sojourner herself. I did enjoy learning more about her life and journey into becoming Sojourner because for a long time I thought she was given that name at birth. This is a good book for beginner readers or individuals that want to get an account of slavery but in small doses working their way up to the more detailed however I wouldn't recommend this if you are trying to get a full understanding of what her and other slaves went through. It just seemed too "white washed" meaning the woman wanted to take most of the truly horrific out in order to somewhat preserve the integrity of her race. I will read some of the other editions that have much more context and see if those are a better representation of her true voice or not.

I can never tire of learning the depths of suffering black woman had to endure. It gives me even more pride for my people and much hope for a better tomorrow.

In a world that still suffers from the blight of slavery, mainly in Islamic nations and northern Africa, and Sudan, but also through the sex trade in nations like Thailand, this book is a great nonfiction account, especially for grade and middle schoolers, but also for all who think slavery is a thing of the past.

Anyday, anywhere, this book: "The Narrative of Sojourner Truth", is a masterpiece. The hardship she endured, as well as other horrors of slavery will always live in our memories. After all, it is said that: 'The evil that men do lives after them'. Sojourner's courage and perseverance is commendable. There is a lot to learn from her. I strain to keep myself from laughing each time a serious issue like Slavery is raised, and I see men and women do nothing but run for cover. The North accuses the South of having been too tenacious on slavery, and the South accuses the North of hypocrisy, insisting that she (the North), started it in the first place: by disguising the first slaves whom she brought (in 1619) to New Amsterdam (the present day New York) as "indentured servants". Surely, the guilty are afraid and ashamed; but that changes nothing. Reality will always remain reality. This 138-paged book is a fantastic history memo. It is the real truth; from Sojourner Truth.

This is a great book to read because you will learn much about the history of slaving period. The story of Isabella will lead you to think deeply about the basis of race, gender and the society. You will be enlightened by her experience and her view of life. Also, you will learn the leadership that was applied by Isabella in her life, after analysis of it, you will learn about how to utilize your own potential power in your life.

This book is an excellent book to read. It is very informative and enlightening! I highly recommend reading this book.

My review to this book would have to be GREAT! Sojourner Truth stood out in a good way. Ms. Truth stands up for her people and country especially those black folks like me that were in slavery

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