

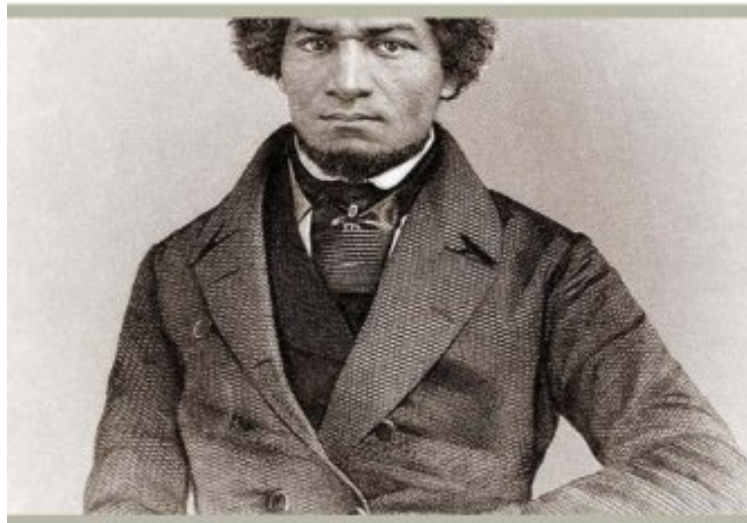
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figurative perspective. Had I done that the first time around—as opposed to treating the book as another required reading that I needed to speed-read through—I believe that my understanding would have been more in-depth and meaningful. The emotion and conviction with which the author writes is not only poetic and moving, but captivating as well. The imagery, combined with Douglass' views on religion's role in the enslavement of black bodies, masterfully paints a story that (in combination with other narratives) has, unfortunately, been lost throughout time. In fact, many Black writers during this period refused to publish their experiences for fear that they will be caught and returned to slavery. In other cases, some writers used pen names to add some anonymity to their experiences. Nevertheless, such works should be cherished and valued; for they allow us to gain a better understanding of how far our society has come, and how much more needs to be done to ensure a future where everyone is equal (in the truest sense of the word).

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I marvel that someone could have endured such deprivations and abuses of slavery and yet lived to tell it. I did not care for the long, run-on sentences which seem to be typical of that period in history. The poem at the end perfectly encapsulated the woes of slavery. I found the book so poignant that I could not have read it all in one sitting. My empathy could not withstand the mistreatment of the main character for long reading sessions. .0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Please read or reread
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Although there is difficulty in typing that a work like "Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass, An American Slave" was enjoyable, I feel more humane after reading this text. And I enjoy the idea of this progression. With the types of difficulties we have today being American, there is also a feeling of reward accompanying the finishing of a text where ingenuity and the pursuit of learning are not portrayed as traits of the vain, but as the talents of those with the will to exist. Fredrick Douglass' narrative is uniquely American and inherently African American and anyone who feels pride belonging to one or both of these groups should read or reread this book.

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About the Author
Distinguished African-American abolitionist, journalist and orator, Douglass is one of the most influential leaders of civil rights of all times. He was the first Afro-American to hold several high-ranking government posts.