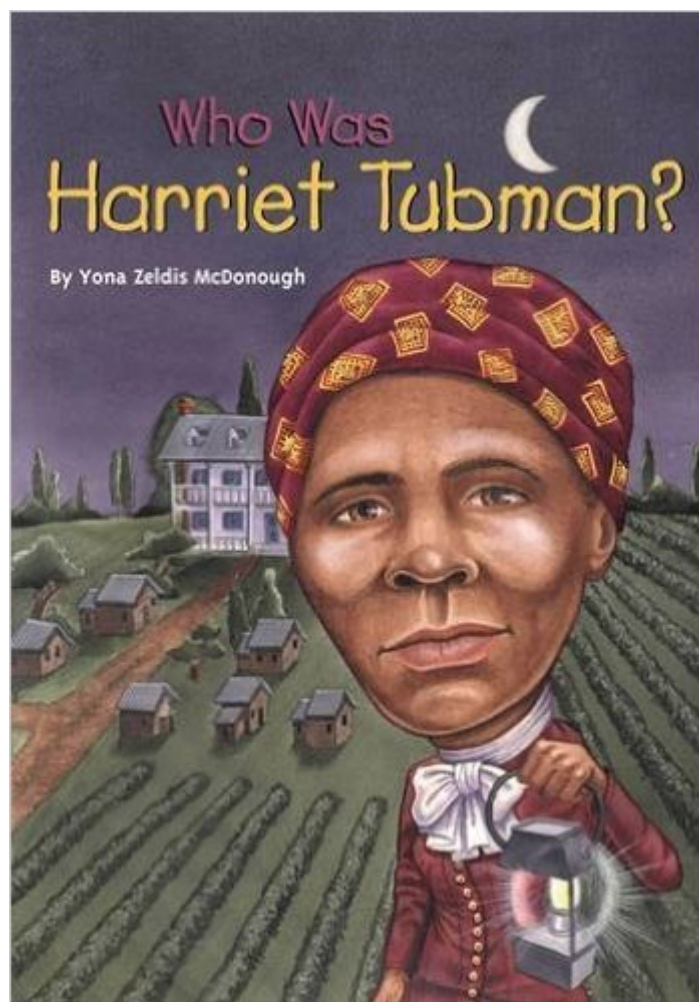


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# Who Was Harriet Tubman?



## Synopsis

Born a slave in Maryland, Harriet Tubman knew first-hand what it meant to be someone's property; she was whipped by owners and almost killed by an overseer. It was from other field hands that she first heard about the Underground Railroad which she travelled by herself north to Philadelphia. Throughout her long life (she died at the age of ninety-two) and long after the Civil War brought an end to slavery, this amazing woman was proof of what just one person can do.

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## Customer Reviews

Yona Zeldis McDonough did a wonderful job describing "Who Was Harriet Tubman? I read this book as a part of a Social Studies Unit on African American History to my Kindergarten class they were totally immersed. Even though the audience of students were young. They still answered the comprehension questions that I frequently asked through out the book exceedingly well. The reason why I selected McDonough's book over other books about Harriet Tubman was that it spoke of all aspects of history that occurred at that particular time. As a child I had studied Nat Turner, Abraham Lincoln, and of course Harriet Tubman, but it was amazing how many historical events occurred that she was an active part of. I feel that after reading this particular story that I have learned a great deal about an important icon in African American History, reading this book has enabled me to trace the

beginnings of all beginnings. Harriet Tubman was truly a phenomenal woman. She gave of herself again and again . . . By assisting others to freedom through The Underground Railroad, her service in the Union Army, and her many years of service as a nurse. As I read this book to my class they emphasized that they could literally see the scenes as I was reading them. Some of the terminology was intense and I used appropriate wording to make it age-appropriate for my students. Either way this is an excellent read for all -- and I hope to check out more books by this very informative author!

I read the book *Who Was Harriet Tubman*. I thought it was very descriptive about her. I learned a lot of information like when she was little her real name was Minty. She was born in Maryland. I also learned when she got older she changed her name after her mother. What really made me sad was when Harriet died in Auburn, New York. She died because she caught pneumonia (a serious disease in which your lungs inflame). I admire Harriet Tubman for everything she did because if she hadn't fought back slavery would still exist. She was one of the greatest leaders we ever had. Harriet Tubman was famous because she risked her life helping black people. When it was dark she would round up slaves then lead them north. Sometimes she would hide in houses of people who didn't believe in slavery. Legend says Harriet never lost one passenger. Harriet would know where to go by using the northern star. The northern star was a star that led you north. If the northern star was covered she would look for moss. Moss only grew on the north side of trees. Harriet also was a civil war nurse. When people caught dysentery she would use her mother's medicine to cure them. Harriet Tubman was also a Union Army spy. She dressed up as a man. Sometimes black slaves from the southern army would share information with her. This is why I thought the book was descriptive.

I live in Florida and was shocked to find that the black women I meet here don't know who Ms. Tubman was! I gave this to my favorite neighbor and she is giving it to her grandchildren. Harriet Tubman was one of my heroes as a girl growing up. Whatever race you are, she was a wonderful brave woman and not enough is said about all the wonderful brave women in history. As a girl growing up in NYC, you would think that only men are brave and strong. That stinks. I wish someone would make a major motion picture about her so that another generation knows about her. I remember that there was a cheesy TV movie a long time ago starring Cicely Tyson (no slur on Ms. Tyson). I am white but consider myself a member of the HUMAN RACE and, unless you are talking about track and field, race shouldn't matter.

My eight-year-old daughter discovered Yona Zeldis McDonough's *Who Was Harriet*

Tubman? while sifting through the books handed down to her from our generous teen neighbor. She was excited to make this find because she had already read McDonough's Who Was Rosa Parks? at school. Her passionate recommendation regarding this series was, "I don't want to read these books," she said in a hurried speech. Hey, this more than works for me. My daughter allowed me to read Who Was Harriet Tubman? first because she is currently reading Janet B. Pascal's Who Was Abraham Lincoln?. I read Who Was Harriet Tubman? in one sitting; it was that good. Not only did I learn crucial biographical facts, but I also heard Tubman's voice through key quotes. When finally a free woman, Tubman declared, "I looked at my hands to see if I was the same person now that I was free. There was such a glory over everything, the sun came like gold through the trees and over the fields and I felt like I was in heaven." (45). As a spy in the Union army, Tubman concludes, "I made up my mind [that] I would never wear a long dress on another expedition . . . but would have a bloomer as soon as I could get it." (82). My kind of lady . . . With illustrations by Nancy Harrison which further reinforce Tubman's story, this is an ideal book for even the reluctant reader. My next assigned reading [from my third-grader] is What Is the Statue of Liberty? by Joan Holub. I am looking forward to uncovering what all I had failed to learn or simply forgotten since my time in third grade.

We purchased this at full price because my kids started liking history. On black history months, H.T. would also be one that they will learn or eventually learn, so we started putting this on the library so it would be read eventually or whenever it spikes the interest. I read it and I think it is easy to read but I wish they would incorporate it to be a little funnier so it is not so text book like.

I bought these for my third grade classroom. They are great for the biography genre and then to use for report writing. The three years I've used them so far the kids LOVED them. Easy for their reading levels, informative, and people they have heard of in their lives. They would read their own and then read other that they had heard of. Could have left these books out 1/2 year and they would have still been reading them.

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