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Letters From A Birmingham Jail

Like his mother and grandmother before him, Joseph Jacobs was born into slavery. Joseph lives with his grandmother and sister in North Carolina, but he has not seen his mother for more than seven years. Unbeknownst to Joseph, his mother, Harriet, has been hiding from her owner in the attic of the house that Joseph lives in. But when Harriet's hiding place is in danger of being revealed, she is forced to flee north to safety only moments after being reunited with her family.

Letters From A Stoic

Devastated by losing his mother for the second time, Joseph begins to ponder the nature of the world he lives in. Soon Joseph, seeking freedom and a place where he can be himself, follows his mother north. As he searches for answers, Joseph experiences life in Massachusetts, California, Australia, and aboard a whaling ship -- but there's no place where Joseph feels that he can truly be free.

Letters From A Nut

In this companion novel to *Letters from a Slave Girl*, Joseph's stirring quest for freedom and identity is told through letters imagined by the author. Based on the real-life stories of Harriet and Joseph Jacobs, *Letters from a Slave Boy* is set against the backdrop of some of the most exciting and turbulent times in American history.

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Letters From An American Farmer

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I would recommend this story to someone who likes stories written in a journal/letter format or read the companion book Mary E. Lyons' "Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs". ...more

I picked up this book on a whim at the library - it was a quick read but very interesting. It is the story of a slave boy, born of a white father and black mother, who is on the run his whole life from the man who owns him. What was interesting to me is where he went. He first fled to NY and then to a whaling ship which was a common place for runaway slaves. Then he fled to CA to the gold rush and then from there to Australia to their gold rush. It is based on a true story and though fairly simp I picked up this book on a whim at the library - it was a quick read but very interesting. It is the story of a slave boy, born of a white father and black mother, who is on the run his whole life from the man who owns him. What was interesting to me is where he went. He first fled to NY and then to a whaling ship which was a common place for runaway slaves. Then he fled to CA to the gold rush and then from there to Australia to their gold rush. It is based on a true story and though fairly simple, gives such a good idea of how it feels to always be looking over your shoulder for someone to capture you and return you to your master. Great book for kids to learn about slavery from the perspective of a child. ...more

Letters From A Farmer In Pennsylvania

This book was all right I guess. I think I liked the book about Joesph Jacob's mother more, Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs. I guess because I'm female and she was too. Also, I didn't like the fact that at the end if the book they don't really tell you within the story what actually happens to Joesph. I think that at either the end of this book, the other one(the above mentioned one), or both it explains in the afterward or whatever that Joesph went to Australia and then w This book was all right I guess. I think I liked the book about Joesph Jacob's mother more, Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs. I guess because I'm female and she was too. Also, I didn't like the fact that at the end if the book they don't really tell you within the story what actually happens to Joesph. I think that at either the end of this book, the other one(the above mentioned one), or both it explains in the afterward or whatever that Joesph went to Australia and then was never heard from again. Yeah, so pretty decent book I guess. I recommend the other one though. ...more

Sequel to Letters from a Slave Girl, this is the story of Harriet Jacobs' son, Joseph. The author did a great job of recreating his life based on the few facts that are known. I especially liked the way she made the grammar and spelling in his letters improve with time and his studies. It was sad that no matter where he went, he encountered prejudice against people of color. I also found especially interesting the account of his life aboard a whaling ship. Mary Lyons provides a couple of histori Sequel to Letters from a Slave Girl, this is the story of Harriet Jacobs' son, Joseph. The author did a great job of recreating his life based on the few facts that are known. I especially liked the way she made the grammar and spelling in his letters improve with time and his studies. It was sad that no matter where he went, he encountered prejudice against people of color. I also found especially interesting the account of his life aboard a whaling ship. Mary Lyons provides a couple of historical afterwards and pictures to supplement the story. I hope she goes on to write more books done in this format. ...more

Letters From Afar

Good fictional account of American slave history mid 1800s. Based on factual evidence and primary sources. Incorporates East coast whaling and California gold rush history as well. Written as letters to various family and companions, many never meant to be sent. Companion to 'Letters from a Slave Girl'.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I thought it was really good. It was great to read about a true life slave. How this book was based on letters from Joseph. It is interesting how no one knows what happened to him.

Letters from a Slave Boy: The Story of Joseph Jacobs

Letters From A Skeptic

a newbery contender - based on the real-life accounts of Harriet and Joseph Jacobs. This is a book for young adults but "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl," a book for adults was written by Harriet Jacobs in 1861, published under the pseudonym Linda Brent.

I think it was a pretty good book!

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Letters From An American Farmer Summary

meh. not sure how this got on my to-read list. unremarkable... or maybe i'm just not the target.

The is a continuing story of the family in the book of Letters from a Slave Girl.

Letters From A Birmingham Jail Summary

Letters From A Stoic Pdf