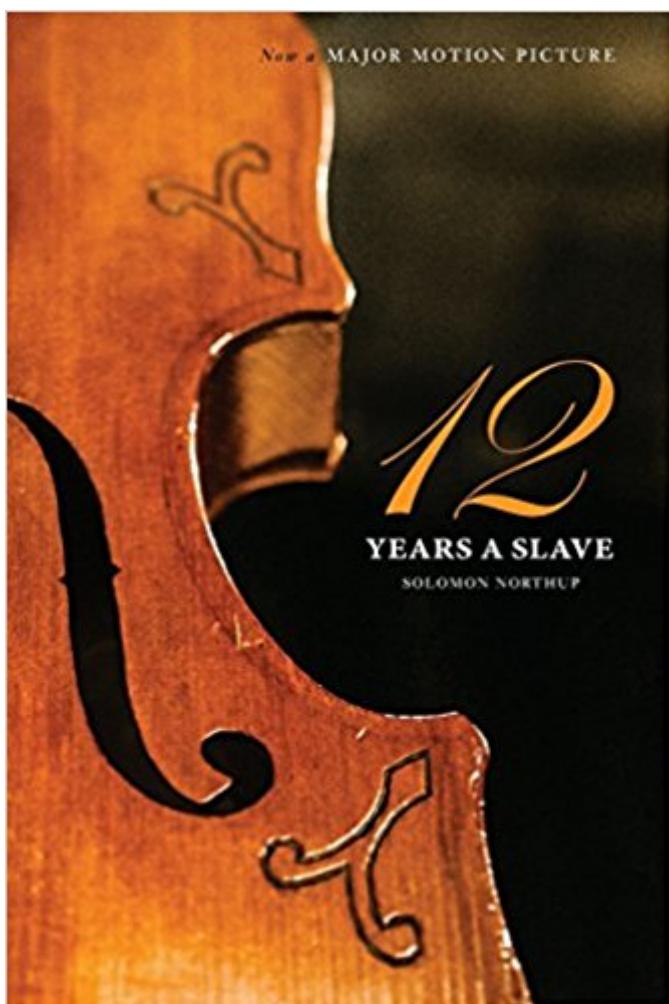


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# Twelve Years A Slave (the Original Book From Which The 2013 Movie '12 Years A Slave' Is Based) (Illustrated)



## **Synopsis**

Solomon Northup was born a free man in New York State. At the age of 33 he was kidnapped in Washington D.C. and placed in an underground slave pen. Northup was transported by ship to New Orleans where he was sold into slavery. He spent the next 12 years working as a carpenter, driver, and cotton picker. This narrative reveals how Northup survived the harsh conditions of slavery, including smallpox, lashings, and an attempted hanging. Solomon Northup was among a select few who were freed from slavery. His account describes the daily life of slaves in Louisiana, their diet and living conditions, the relationship between master and slave, and how slave catchers used to recapture runaways. Northup's first person account published in 1853, was a dramatic story in the national debate over slavery that took place in the nine years leading up to the start of the American Civil War.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I read this for book club, but was cautious at first because the movie was so emotionally difficult to watch. I was better prepared for reading, and was able to learn details I had missed in the movie. I actually enjoyed reading something written in that era and the different style of writing. It found it particularly interesting because it was an actual account written by the unfortunate man who had to endure the experience.

Wonderful story that covers a part of slavery that went unheard of until now. Who knew that one

could be considered free: yet the possibility existed that one could be kidnapped and made a slave anyway. 12 years a slave, 400 years of oppression and kidnapping to boot.

I saw the movie and decided I needed to read the book. This is very well written and doesn't have very much "1800s" language in it. That is, it's easy to understand and is written in standard English. The book has a couple of interesting additional sequences that aren't in the movie and that add insight to Solomon Northup. Very good read!

I loved the movie. This particular edition provides additional context for the movie.

This book should be taught in every high school in America. It is so eloquently written. As tragic as the story is, it is also an inspiring tale of Solomon Northup's strength in the face of cruelty and injustice.

Forget the movie. The book is much better.

Excellent writing for the 1850s! Or any time! The author used court records after his return to tell exactly who helped him and how they found him. Wanted to compare the movie, which rarely deviated from the book. When a couple of extra things were added "it did not make sense." Also used scenes that were in the book but not explained in the movie.

This book downloaded only illustrations. So I can't say anything else about it.

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