

What Is Enslavement? Recommended Books

***If You Lived When There Was Slavery in America* by Anne Kamma**

This book is part of the “If You” series that explores important aspects of America history often overlooked. With compassion and respect for the enslaved, this book answers questions children might have about this dismal era in American history.

***Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story From the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine**

This is a stirring, dramatic true story of an enslaved man, Henry Brown, who mailed himself to freedom.

***If You Travelled on the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine**

This book is part of the “If You” series that explores important aspects of America history often overlooked. The book describes to students what it was like to be an enslaved person trying to escape to freedom with the Underground Railroad.

***Slave Trade in America* by Kristin Thoennes Keller**

The book follows the slave trade from its beginnings in the 15th century to its abolishment after the Civil War, and describes the impact of enslavement on the people bought and sold.

TIME For Kids: Harriet Tubman: A Woman of Courage

This book is part of the TIME For Kids Biographies that makes connections between the lives of past heroes and the events of today. This book focuses on Harriet Tubman, whose courage and ideals inspired generations of Americans to fight for equal rights and to stand up for their convictions. As an enslaved teenager, Tubman stood up to an overseer who was trying to harm another slave. From that time forward, Tubman fought against unfairness and for what she believed was right. She helped hundreds of African Americans escape on the Underground Railroad.