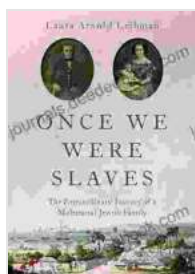


Once We Were Slaves: A Story of Resilience and Triumph Over Adversity

Once We Were Slaves is a historical novel by American author Douglas A. Blackmon that tells the story of the enslaved Africans who built the White House and the United States Capitol Building. The book was published in 2005 and won the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction in 2006. It has been praised for its meticulous research and its powerful and moving account of the struggle for freedom and the triumph of the human spirit.



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★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 52421 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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Print length	: 310 pages
Lending	: Enabled



Themes

Once We Were Slaves explores a number of important themes, including:

- The horrors of slavery and the resilience of the human spirit
- The power of freedom and the importance of fighting for one's rights

- The role of race and racism in American society
- The importance of memory and the lessons that can be learned from the past

Characters

Once We Were Slaves features a cast of unforgettable characters, including:

- **Isaac Granger:** A skilled blacksmith who is enslaved at the White House
- **Madison Hemings:** A slave who is the son of Thomas Jefferson
- **Paul Jennings:** A slave who works as a butler in the White House
- **Oney Judge:** A slave who escapes from the White House
- **Frederick Douglass:** A former slave who becomes a leading abolitionist

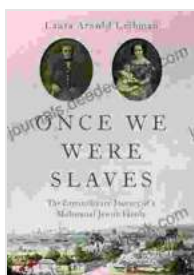
Historical Context

Once We Were Slaves is set against the backdrop of the American Revolution and the early years of the United States. The book provides a vivid account of the political and social landscape of the time, including the debates over slavery and the rise of the abolitionist movement. The book also sheds light on the everyday lives of enslaved Africans in the United States, from their work on plantations to their experiences in the cities.

Impact and Legacy

Once We Were Slaves has had a profound impact on American society. The book has helped to raise awareness of the horrors of slavery and the resilience of the human spirit. It has also helped to spark a national conversation about race and racism in America. The book has been used in schools and universities across the country to teach about slavery and the history of the United States. It has also been adapted into a television miniseries and a documentary film.

Once We Were Slaves is a powerful and moving account of the struggle for freedom and the triumph of the human spirit. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of slavery in the United States and its legacy in American society.



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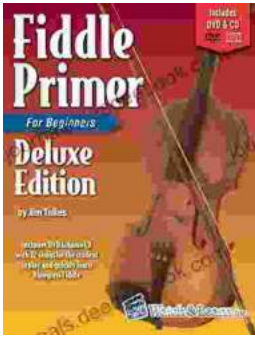
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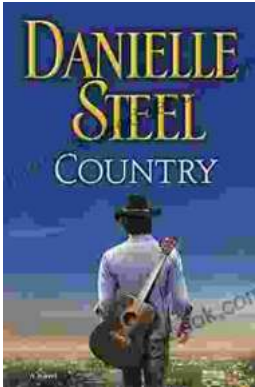
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