

# Frederick Douglass: Reformer and Statesman / 229 pages / Routledge, 2012 / L. Diane Barnes / 9781136175220 / 2012

Frederick Douglass was born a slave, he escaped a brutal system and through sheer force of will educated himself and became an abolitionist, editor, orator, author, statesman, and reformer. This is one of the most unlikely and powerful success stories ever written. In Frederick Douglass' autobiography *My Bondage and My Freedom* we can see the power of literacy and belief. Douglass transforms himself from slave to an abolitionist, journalist, orator, and one of the most powerful voices to emerge from the American civil rights movement with little more than force of will. COPYRIGHT INFORMATION. Book: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Author: Frederick Douglass, 1817-1895 First published: 1845. The original book is in the public domain in the United States and in most, if not all, other countries as well. Readers outside the United States should check their own countries' copyright laws to be certain they can legally download this ebook. The Online Books Page has an FAQ which gives a summary of copyright durations for many other countries, as well as links to more official sources. This PDF ebook was created by Jos  Men ndez. PREFACE. IN the month of Au Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Talbot County, Maryland, in February, 1818. From these humble beginnings, Douglass went on to become a world-famous orator, newspaper editor, and champion of the rights of women and African Americans. He was the most prominent African American activist of the 19th century. He remains important in American history because he moved beyond relief at his own personal freedom to dedicating his life to the progress of his race and his country. This volume offers a short biographical exploration of Douglass' life in the broader context of the 19th century w