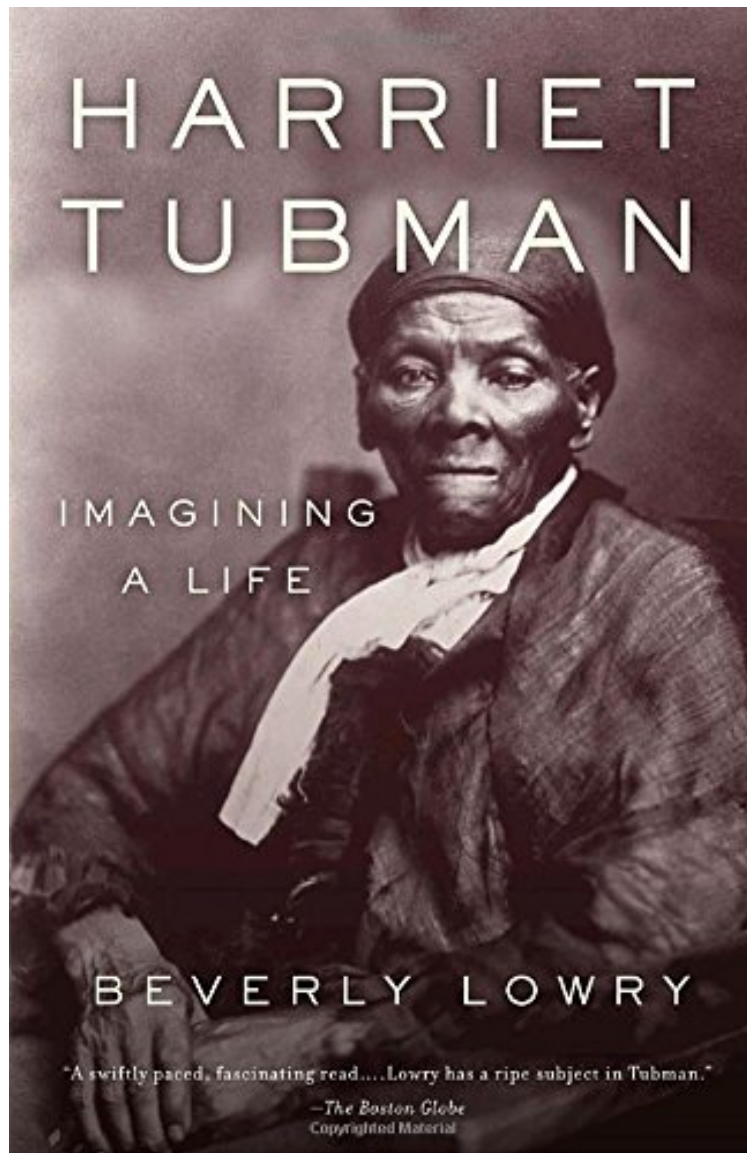


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From the award-winning novelist and biographer Beverly Lowry comes an astonishing re-imagining of the remarkable life of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of Her People. Tubman was an escaped slave, lumberjack, laundress, raid leader, nurse, fund-raiser, cook, intelligence gatherer, Underground Railroad organizer, and abolitionist. In *Harriet Tubman*, Lowry creates a portrait enriched with lively imagined vignettes that transform the legendary icon into flesh and blood. We travel with Tubman on slave-freeing raids in the heart of the Confederacy, along the treacherous route of the Underground Railroad, and onto the battlefields of the Civil War. Integrating extensive research and interviews with scholars and historians into a rich and mesmerizing chronicle, Lowry brings an American hero to life as never before.

From Publishers Weekly No escaped slave's story grips the American imagination as deeply as Harriet Tubman's, with the melodrama and near mythic grandeur of her frequent returns to slave territory to rescue her family members and scores of others. Since Tubman (1822-1913) never learned to read or write, her story comes second or third hand, offering researchers a challenge and creative nonfiction writers an opportunity. Lowry, a novelist and author of a recreation of the life of the first African-American woman entrepreneur, *Madame C.J. Walker (Her Dream of Dreams, 2003)*, "reimagined" Tubman's life in four parts: her childhood as a field slave called Araminta; her marriage, escape and early "rescues" when she was known as Harriet; her legendary Underground Railroad years when she was called Moses; the Civil War years when she was scout and courier for the Union army (John Brown dubbed her "the General"); and her postbellum work with emancipated slaves. Lowry carries the reader through the milestones without slipping into a morass of detail, through legal thickets (largely created by treating persons as property) and Tubman's encounters with many abolitionists without meandering. Tubman's life invites imagining, and Lowry's reader-friendly book, which "does not pretend to be a work of intense scholarship," presents her story with a novelist's sense of pace, suspense and speculation. (Apr. 17) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Because Tubman could not write and render her own account of what she thought, felt, and did, her life story necessarily has been told from the perspective of others. Lowry examines those perspectives as they reflect on the life of an extraordinary woman and the chroniclers of the time. Lowry begins in 1900, when Tubman lived with her brother in Auburn, New York, where she was occasionally interviewed by her biographer, Sarah Bradford. Although Bradford recognized the historical significance of her subject, she was influenced by the racial attitudes of her time and could sometimes be too precious, Lowry notes. Lowry draws on previous biographies, archival material, and new findings, including a runaway-slave ad that mentioned Tubman, found in a Dumpster by a determined researcher. Between the details she gleaned from historical sources and her obvious affection and respect for her subject, Lowry delivers a richly imagined biography of a woman who risked her life repeatedly to free slaves and to serve in the Union army during the Civil War. Vanessa Bush Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. A swiftly paced, fascinating read. . . . Lowry has a ripe subject in Tubman. Boston Globe Harriet Tubman is a biography that goes to the core of character, using the record to create a fully imagined life. The New York Sun Lowry's dramatic retelling seems thoroughly researched. . . . [Her] method produces vivid scenes of Tubman's life. The New York Times