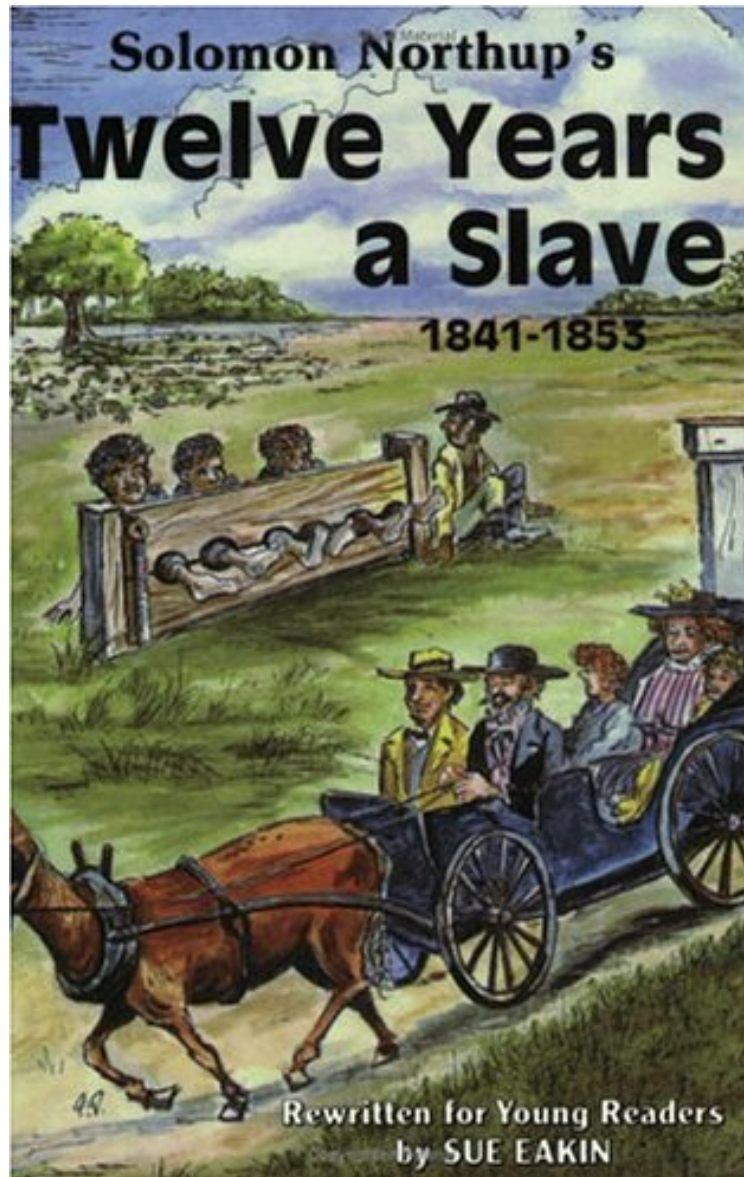


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By Joseph M. Linzy
This is an excellent interpretation for kids of my Grandfather's book "TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE". Professor Sue Eakin also participated in editing Grandfather Solomon's original book as a Professor at Louisiana State University. Now, I can give my 10 year old Granddaughter an excellent family history book. My Granddaughter became so engrossed with the Kids edition that she used it for a school project.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Easy-to-read version of Northup's story
By David Fiske
For the record: I was slightly acquainted with the late Sue Eakin, the author of this book, and assisted her slightly on another of her books. This book, intended for young readers, is an easy-to-read re-telling of Northup's story. It actually would be appropriate for anyone who wants to quickly absorb the tale. (Northup's own book, *Twelve Years a Slave*, is readily available, but its 19th Century phraseology could put off some readers.) As someone who has researched Northup, and spoken and written about him, I am closer to the details than most readers would be. There are a few typos and inaccuracies in this work, but they do not impair understanding Northup's experiences. The illustrations help to frame the story, but are not of the highest quality.

The best firsthand account of the slavery experience, this autobiographical story, originally published in 1853, has been rewritten to make it accessible to younger readers. Northup, a family man and hack driver in upstate New York, was kidnapped, whisked away from his home, and sold into slavery.

From the Back Cover
Solomon Northup was torn from his family in Saratoga Springs, New York, and thrust into a life of servitude in Bayou Boeuf, Louisiana. Northup, a well-educated and modestly successful family man, made his living as a fiddler and carpenter. When work grew scarce, Northup was tricked into traveling to Washington, DC, hoping to earn money for his family. There, he was drugged, kidnapped, and sold into slavery. For Northup, coming from a life of freedom and comparative privilege, slavery was intolerable. This powerful, first-person account, rewritten for younger readers, personalizes the experience of millions of slaves.
About the Author
Sue Eakin, who passed away in 2009, was a professor of history at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. She spent more than four decades teaching Louisiana history, bringing a fresh approach to analyzing the state's vibrant past. Eakin's previous work included a rewrite of Solomon Northup's *Twelve Years a Slave 1841-1853* that is intended for younger audiences. She resided in Bunkie, Louisiana, near the plantation where the events in Solomon Northup's tale took place.