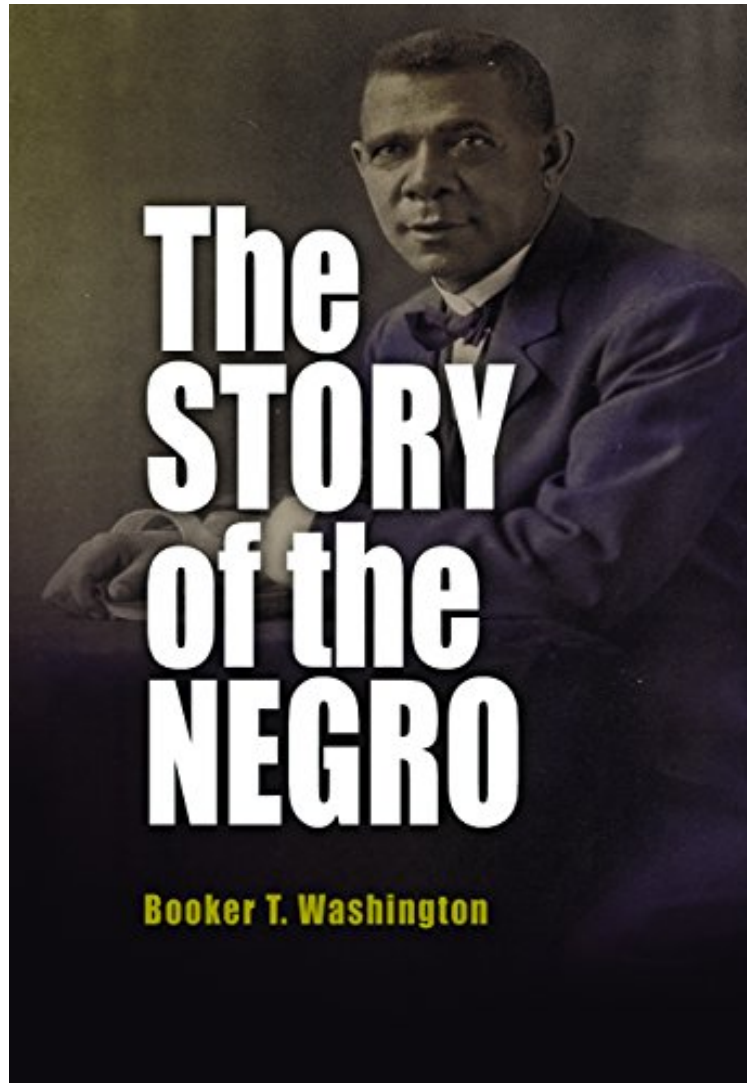


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A History of a People that has been hidden from US History books.By AlabamaBabeAmazing book, obviously well written given the author, but more importantly, a true, documented part of history of those who were sold into slavery from Africa that makes the history that I was taught in school equivalent to having learned from a comic book. The history, the cultures, the philosophies, the civilizations - yes, that is plural - in Africa from times prior to the era of slavery is captivating and truly enlightening. And the in depth explanations of the sociological, psychological, economic, educational environment of the slaves in this country

and others and of the freed slaves in this country was truly worth the read. I definitely recommend - and have already recommended - this book to anyone at all interested in the history of this country and particularly people of color - many of whom know the name Booker T. Washington, but have most likely never heard of, nor read, this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A must have for any student or teacher.

By Martin Brown

As a graduate of Howard University and student of African American history, *The Story of the Negro: The Rise of the Race from Slavery* is THE best chronological, data documented study of the African American people from the period of about 1800 to 1910 that I have read. A must have for any student or teacher.

The Story of the Negro is a history of Americans of African descent before and after slavery. Originally produced in two volumes, and published here for the first time in one paperback volume, the first part covers Africa and the history of slavery in the United States while the second part carries the history from the Civil War to the first part of the twentieth century. Booker T. Washington was born into slavery, worked menial jobs in order to acquire an education, and became the most important voice of African American interests beginning in the latter part of the nineteenth century. *The Story of the Negro* is valuable in part because it is full of significant information taken from hundreds of obscure sources that would be nearly impossible to assemble today. For instance, Washington discusses the rise of African American comedy with names, places, and dates; elsewhere he traces the growth and spread of African American home ownership and independent businesses in the United States; and his discussion of slavery is informed by his own life. Washington wanted African Americans to understand and embrace their heritage, not be ashamed of it. He explains, as an example, the role of music in the lives of the slaves and then notes how, nearly a generation later, many African Americans were "embarrassed" by this music and did not want to learn traditional songs. Washington is able to reflect on the first fifty years of his life embracing a range of experiences from share-cropping to dinner at the White House. It is just this autobiographical element that makes the volume compelling. Washington, with his indefatigable optimism, worked his entire life to achieve equality for African Americans through practical means. Founder of the first business association (the National Negro Business League), leader of the Tuskegee Institute, where George Washington Carver conducted research, and supporter of numerous social programs designed to improve the welfare of African Americans, Washington was considered during his lifetime the spokesperson for African Americans by white society, particularly those in positions of power. This led to criticism from within the African American community, most notably from W. E. B. Du Bois, who considered Washington too accommodating of the white majority, but it took Washington's farsightedness to recognize that the immediate concerns of education, employment, and self-reflection were necessary to achieve the ultimate goal of racial equality.

"We wish this work might find the widest circulation." *The Nation*

About the Author

Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) was the long-time Principal of the Tuskegee Institute and founder of the National Negro Business League. Born a slave, Washington was educated at the Hampton Institute and received honorary degrees from Harvard and Dartmouth. He wrote a number of acclaimed books, including his autobiography, *Up from Slavery*, and Frederick Douglass.