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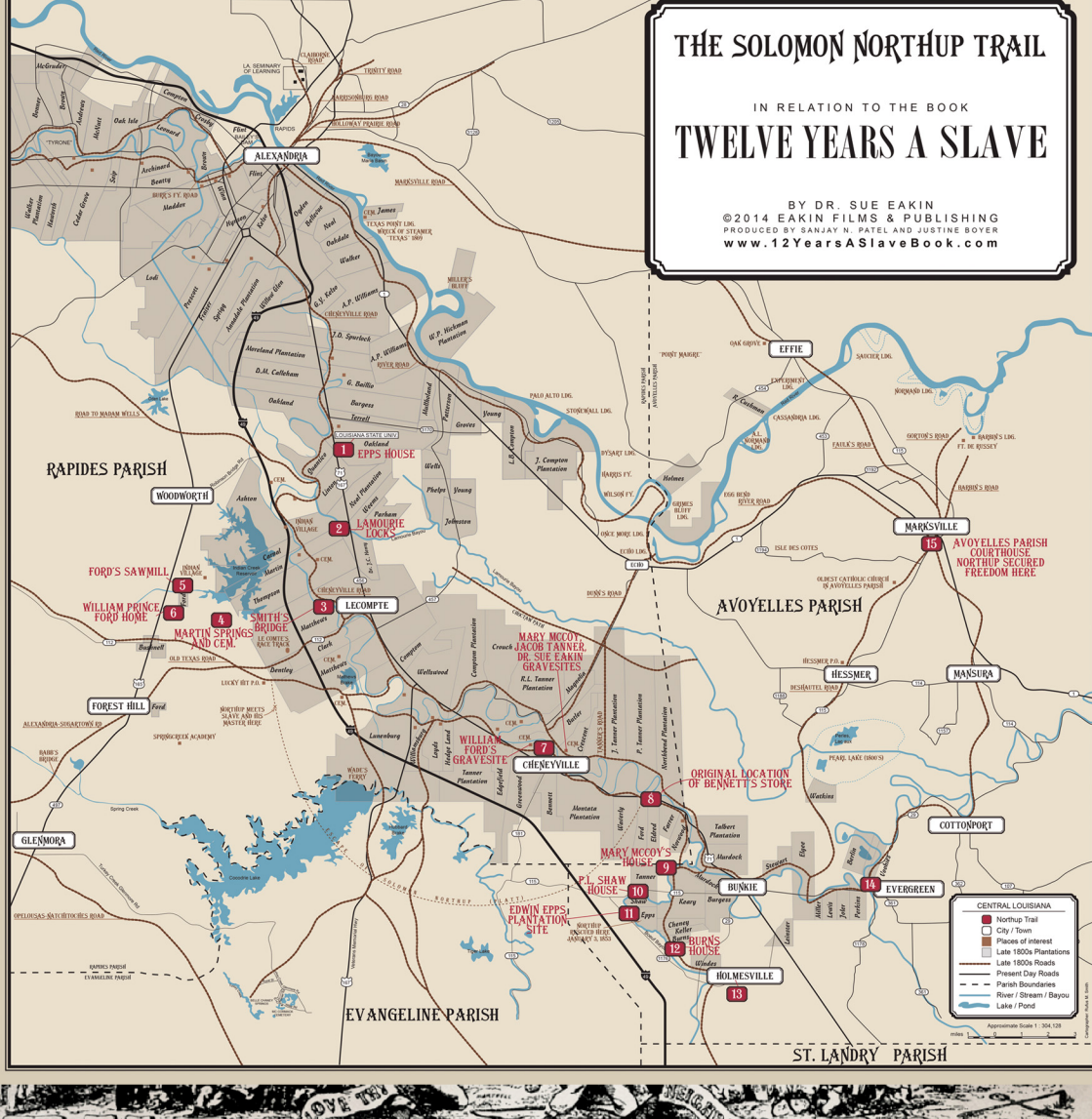
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### TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE – ORIGINAL REVIEWS

When originally published, Solomon Northup's autobiography validated the portrayal of slavery depicted in the fictional *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and produced a bombshell in the national political debate over slavery. Here are reviews that appeared in William Lloyd Garrison's famous abolitionist newspaper, *The Liberator*, when the book was released in 1853:

"Next to *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, the extraordinary narrative of Solomon Northup is the most remarkable book that was ever issued from the American press."  
-*Detroit Tribune*

"It is one of the most exciting narratives, full of thrilling incidents... with all the marks of truth. Such a tale is more powerful than any fiction which can be conceived and elaborated."  
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"It is a strange history; its truth is far greater than fiction. Think of it. For thirty years a man, with all a man's hopes, fears and aspirations—with a wife and children who call him by the endearing names of husband and father—with a home, and still a chattel, beneath the shelter of whose roof none had a right to molest or make him afraid. Then for twelve years a thing, a chattel personal, classed with mules and horses, and treated with less consideration than they, torn from his home and family, and the free labor by which he earned their bread, and driven into unremitting, unrequited toil in a cotton field, under a burning Southern sun, by the lash of an inhuman master. It is horrible. It chills the blood to think that such are."

-*Frederick Douglass, writer, orator, former slave and abolitionist*

"It will be read extensively, both at the North and South. No one can contemplate the scenes which are here so naturally set forth, without a new conviction of the hideousness of the institution from which the subject of the narrative has happily escaped."  
-*New York Tribune (influential newspaper published by Horace Greeley)*

"The narrative will be read with interest by everyone who can sympathize with the human being struggling for freedom."  
-*Buffalo Courier*

"What a tale it tells; what inexpressible reproofs against slavery; what occasion for shame and tears on the part of all! We think the story is affecting as any tale of sorrow could be. We believe its perusal will not only excite an absorbing interest, but minister powerfully to the sound, intelligent anti-slavery sentiment of the country."  
-*New York Evangelist*

### HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

"It is a singular coincidence, that Solomon Northup was carried to a plantation in the Red River country—that same region where the scene of *Uncle Tom's* captivity was laid—and his account of this plantation, and the mode of life there, and some incidents which he describes, form a striking parallel to that history."

-*Harriett Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin (published in 1852)*

Stowe's highly influential work of fiction changed the way many Americans viewed the life of a slave and became the best-selling book of all time in the U.S. (after the Bible). Northup's narrative, published in 1853, closely paralleled aspects of Stowe's novel. It is said that when President Lincoln first met Mrs. Stowe, he shook her hand, smiled, and said, "So you're the little woman who wrote the book that started this great war."

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### COLLECTOR'S EXTRA WITH NORTHUP TRAIL MAP

Be sure to download your free PDF Collector's Extra located in the "Extras & More" section of our website. It includes our unique Northup Trail Map based on the research of Dr. Sue Eakin. The map shows places described by Solomon, including the plantation tracts owned by slave masters mentioned in the narrative.

### AND BE SURE TO EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE

Our world-class design team has crafted a website that incorporates fascinating information, art and photographs in combination with Louis Gossett's audiobook excerpts. We have created a special format that we believe will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the story and pay tribute to the men, women and children who suffered under slavery. To enjoy all the site's features, it's best to view it on a computer in full screen. Google Chrome and Safari seem to provide the optimum viewer experience.

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