



THE INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF THE LIFE OF OLAUDAH EQUIANO

OLAUDAH EQUIANO

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Published in London once Equiano had secured his freedom, the runaway success of the book led to his financial independence, and he toured England, Scotland and Ireland lecturing on the horrors described in the book, and he dedicated his life to advocating for the abolition of slavery. Forgotten until the 1960s, *The Interesting Narrative* has again shot to fame, and is now considered the most detailed account of a slave's life, exposing the trials of the long road to freedom.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Olaudah Equiano (c.1745–97) was a writer and abolitionist. Born in the Kingdom of Benin (now southern Nigeria), he was enslaved and taken to America, where he was put to work in several positions, including as a valet to a lieutenant in the Royal Navy during the Seven Years' War. He was able to purchase his freedom in 1766, and went on to pen an exposé of the horrors of slavery in his memoir, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano*.

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