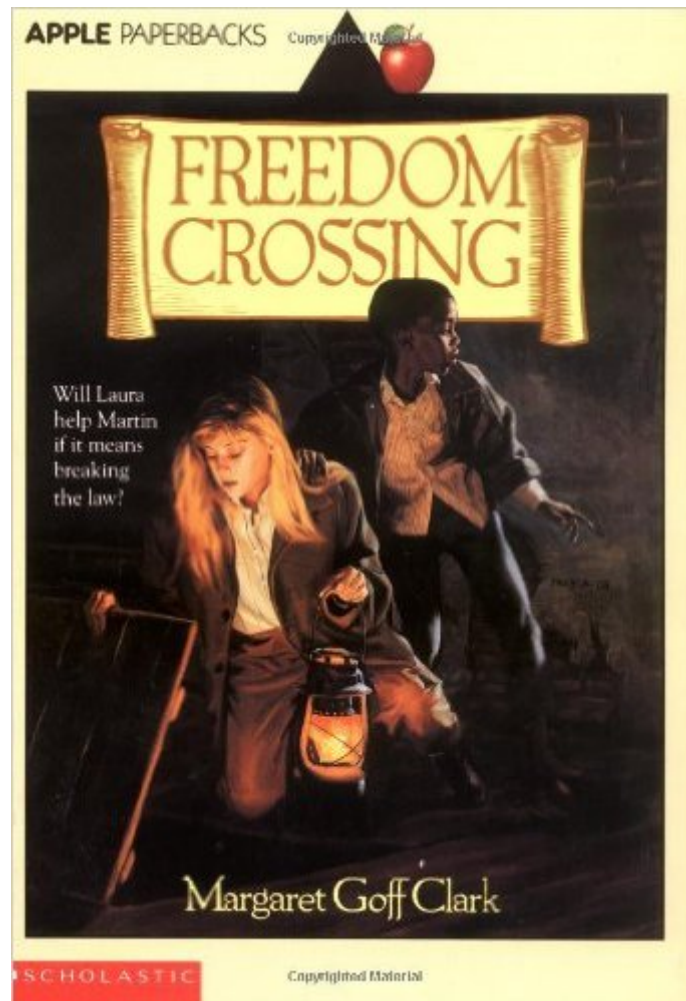


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# Freedom Crossing (Apple Paperbacks)



## Synopsis

Laura Eastman returns to New York after living in the South with relatives for four years to discover that her brother and father are part of the Underground Railroad, helping fugitive slaves to escape to Canada. When a friend brings a runaway slave, Martin, to the house while her father and stepmother are away, Laura must decide what she believes -- and whether she should help Martin escape.

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## Customer Reviews

I stumbled upon this book about nine years ago. When I read it I loved it. As a fifth grade teacher I decided to add it to my historical fiction book list. It quickly became my favorite book to recommend for pre-civil war, slavery, & or underground railroad exposure. I cannot tell you how surprised I am that this book is not on a number one list somewhere... It is now one of my read aloud books for Black History Month. I have never read a book to my class where the children were so excited for me to continue, they would moan when I came to the end of a chapter and stopped. They did not want me to stop reading. Clark does an outstanding job of pulling the children into the story. Her cliff-hanger chapter endings are sensational. They get so caught up in the question of slavery or how the underground railroad actually worked that it generates further research on their own about the subject matter. I truly love this story and enjoy sharing it with my students each year. I have also shared it with my fellow teaching staff and they can't believe how wonderful the story line develops.

They too are amazed at how engulfed the children get while reading the story. Clark does an outstanding job with antagonist Walt, without his staunch view of slavery and runaway slaves Laura would not have a change of heart. Martin the runaway slave is so lovable, you can only hope Laura will help him to escape to freedom. The surprise twist in the story is sure to keep any group of kids on the edge of their seats. I went to Lewiston, N.Y. this summer out of pure curiosity to explore the city for Tryon's Folly (home). The house was burned down and a new one now stands in its place. The underground cellars are still in place as are the stairs that lead to the Niagra River where Martin escaped to freedom. This is a grab a cup of hot cocoa & a comfy seat kinda book, "you gotta read this one" cuz you anit gonna put it down! I encourage you to share it with your class, good for grades 4-6.

This book is great. We are reading it in a 4/5/6 reading group. It has great historical content. The kids are really getting into the history of this story. The vocabulary is rich and leads to great conversation.

I read the book Freedom Crossing. It was very exciting. One of the reasons I liked this book so much was it tells you your history depending on your culture. Some people might have not learned how slaves were treated. Another reason is the people take chances of freeing slaves (letting freedom ring). Some of the reasons I don't like this book is that I really don't like the way they explain how slaves were treated. They made it sound more dramatic, and I didn't like that. Another thing I don't like is how slave catchers just get to go into people's houses without being invited over or in. Some of the other things I disliked about this story is how the slaves had to run away. This is a very exciting story! You should try reading it! By: Sheonta

I loved this book! It was so good! It was about Martin, a runaway slave that escaped from his master and now is trying to not get caught by the slave hunters. The main characters are Laura, Joel, Bert, and Martin. They want to get Martin to freedom and they're trying to hide Martin and you never know if he's going to get caught. This book was probably the best book I've ever read. You really need to try it! Laura was really brave in this book she was going through a bunch of tasks and she was just really brave.

While reading Freedom Crossing, children can become involved with the lives of young people struggling with an important social issue during the time period of the 1850's. The story is told from

Laura's point of view, a young lady who had been raised on a plantation. She begins to question her values concerning slavery, especially as she becomes involved with the escape of a runaway slave. The author uses action and twists in the plot to keep the reader engaged. I think that this story is very relevant to issues that teenagers face today. Readers will relate to the problems that accompany the idea of doing the right thing when facing adversity.

The story is based on real events. The characters feel like real people. This book was great for my fifth grade Lit. Circles. Students found a lot to talk and write about. It was good for all reading levels.

This book is "Freedom Crossing" This was an exceptional book about the trail of a little boy on the Underground Railroad. It showed all of the trials that the slaves went through to gain their freedom. It was very moving and almost had you feeling like you were running with the little boy. It was delivered in very good condition and in a very short span of time.

Freedom Crossing is a very good book in my opinion. Margaret Goff Clark wrote this book. This is a historical fiction book. The book takes place back in the 1850's. This book tells about slavery and the underground railroad. It first takes place in Laura and Bert's house. Laura and Bert are two of the main people. The middle of the night Laura is having trouble getting to sleep in bed she hears voices down stairs later on she finds out there's a slave in the house. This book is filled with action and suspense. So basically Laura and Bert have to help the slave Martin get to Canada. This book is probably for 4th grade and up.

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