

# Slave Girl, A First Hand Account of Slavery from a Woman's Perspective

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While Frederick Douglass' autobiography is a classic and offers an image of slavery based on the memories of a former slave, that image remains incomplete because it is centered on attributes and events seen as predominantly masculine. For a more thorough understanding of what slavery was for all, another perspective must be put forth: that of a woman and a mother. In order to achieve this, the paper will focus on *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs.

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## Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl: A First-Hand Account of Slavery from a Woman's Perspective

### What is it about?

It is about an autobiography of a woman who escaped from slavery.

### Why is it important?

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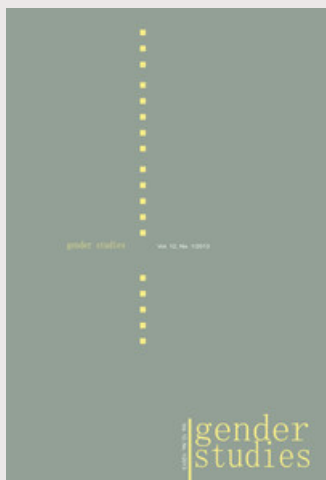
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