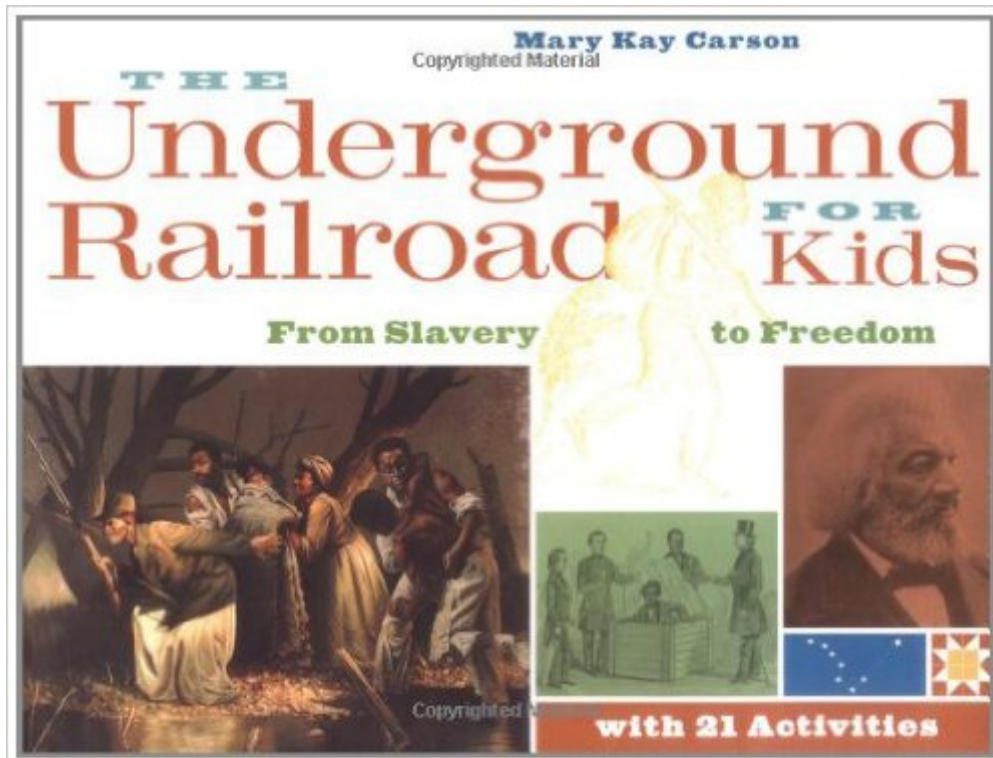


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# The Underground Railroad For Kids: From Slavery To Freedom With 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

The heroic struggles of the thousands of slaves who sought freedom through the Underground Railroad are vividly portrayed in this powerful activity book, as are the abolitionists, free blacks, and former slaves who helped them along the way. The text includes 80 compelling firsthand narratives from escaped slaves and abolitionists and 30 biographies of "passengers," "conductors," and "stationmasters," such as Harriet Tubman, William Still, and Levi and Catherine Coffin. Interactive activities that teach readers how to navigate by the North Star, write and decode a secret message, and build a simple lantern bring the period to life. A time line, reading list, glossary, and listing of web sites for further exploration complete this activity book. The Underground Railroad for Kids is an inspiring story of brave people compelled to act in the face of injustice, risking their livelihoods, their families, and their lives in the name of freedom.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I mean obviously, there is only so much you can do for activities related to the underground railroad. The times are past, thank goodness, but like most kids, mine are fascinated with helping the desperate slaves reach freedom. We liked making a diorama of a house with a secret hiding place... we liked the mapping...we did make lanterns, although that was kind of a mess... and of course, my

kids liked making coded messages and secret handshakes. The best part of this book were the fugitive slave stories -- the book offers many, many, many stories of people who escaped. Each one is heroic and most are heartbreaking. There is enough here that even older children will be satisfied with the information, but not so much as to terrify very young children. I especially liked that the accounts were mostly those of Black people -- the emphasis was on Black folk helping themselves and one another, with some help from Whites. Too often, the Underground Railroad stories are of heroic Whites rescuing helpless Blacks. This book is better because it shows the active resistance of Blacks to their captivity. Parent notes: descriptions of violence, beatings, whippings, restraints and shackles, human misery, sexual assaults. Parents know best what is right for their kids.

I love this series and feel that this particular title is even better than the others that I own and cherish. Not only does it offer sound information to children in a clear, easy to understand (yet undiluted way), but offers numerous engaging activities that would appeal to a wide range of interests. A must-have for the classroom or homeschool.

This book would be a great resource for a parent teaching your children about the Underground Railroad or even for a teacher in the classroom. I was using this book to help create a unit plan for my grad school class and it has some great activities that you can use in class or at home.

No reproducibles, but several craft/writing activities to do with students. There is a lot of good information as well. I used it to build my unit on the Underground Railroad for fifth graders. I thought it was worth the investment.

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