

DOUGLASS

The North Star

An Episodic Series by Kerry Gleason



LOGLINE: A self-educated fugitive slave rises to national and international acclaim as America's greatest orator and civil rights leader of the 19th century. His skills as an outspoken newspaper editor and orator empower him as he crusades for the abolition of slavery and the right for men of color to vote in the United States of America.

GENRE: Historical Biography

IT'S LIKE: The Fugitive meets Hamilton

SETTING: 1800s in Baltimore, Rochester, N.Y. and Boston

THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL LIFE EVER LIVED

STORYLINE: Frederick Douglass rose from the depths of bondage as a humble slave in Maryland, escaping as a fugitive and later becoming a leading author, orator, abolitionist and statesman. His friendship with Abraham Lincoln would help end the Civil War and lead to the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

This epic action-adventure series script tells the rich story of America's first great civil rights leader. He espoused education as the path to freedom and as a means to promote racial equality. DOUGLASS: The North Star depicts his rise to prominence in antebellum America and his crusade for the rights of all people in bondage. His compelling story depicts his enlightenment and quest for education, his indoctrination into slavery, his harrowing escape, his exile in England, purported scandals and infidelity that nearly brought him down, and the friendships he forged with Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Gerrit Smith and John Brown. Then came the constitutional amendments that ended slavery and gave men of color the right to vote. Douglass stood at the forefront.

In a time when there was no media as we know it, people attended lectures for entertainment. There was no radio or television, but Frederick Douglass was a ROCKSTAR! His powerful baritone voice and keen wit made him the greatest orator in America. Through his words, we can peer through a window of history that we have never seen before in the same light.

His influence has carried on for more than 150 years. Sadly, our society still bears the scars of slavery and racial prejudice, and still struggles to make good on that sacred promise that ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. Even now, some people in power seek to erase pages of history depicting slavery and the African-American struggle. It is time to tell his story.

Today's world needs a potent reminder of the amazing life led by this freedom fighter. Today's world needs his words and wisdom. Today's world needs a little more Frederick Douglass.

DOUGLASS: The North Star ... it can change the world.



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8-PART SERIES

"It is not light that we need, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake."

- Frederick Douglass

"This black man – this slave – had so much logic, so much wit, so much fancy and with so much elegance. He was something more than a man."

- Rev. John Campbell, after Douglass electrified the crowd at Flinsbury Chapel, May 1846

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