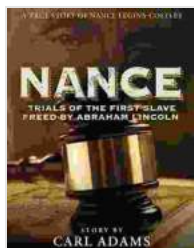


Trials of the First Slave Freed by Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Story of Resilience and Triumph



NANCE: Trials of the First Slave Freed by Abraham Lincoln: A True Story of Mrs. Nance Legins-Costley (Trials of Nance Book 1) by John C. Hamilton

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In the annals of American history, Elizabeth Keckley stands as a remarkable figure. As the first slave to be freed by President Abraham Lincoln, her journey is a testament to the enduring power of resilience and the pursuit of freedom.

From Enslavement to Freedom

Elizabeth Keckley was born into slavery in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, in 1818. From a young age, she endured the horrors of her condition, facing physical abuse, racial discrimination, and the constant threat of being sold away from her family.

In 1855, Keckley's fortunes took an unexpected turn when she was Free Downloaded by Ann Todd, the sister of Mary Todd Lincoln. Recognizing Keckley's skills as a seamstress, Ann Todd sent her to train in the art of dressmaking in Washington, D.C.



As the Civil War approached, Keckley's life became intertwined with that of the Lincoln family. She became Mary Todd Lincoln's personal dressmaker

and confidante, sharing intimate conversations and witnessing firsthand the challenges of the White House during wartime.

A True Friend to Mary Todd Lincoln

Despite the racial and social barriers that separated them, Keckley and Mary Todd Lincoln developed a genuine friendship. Keckley provided emotional support to the First Lady during the difficult years of the war and the assassination of her husband.

In her memoir, *Behind the Scenes*, Keckley painted a vivid portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln, revealing her complex personality and the challenges she faced as a woman in the public eye.



“Mrs. Lincoln was the most willful, wayward, impulsive, generous, revengeful, kind, pleasant, provoking, and altogether peculiar woman I ever saw.” - Elizabeth Keckley”

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Post-War Struggles

Following the Civil War, Keckley established her own dressmaking business in Washington, D.C. She became a successful entrepreneur, catering to the elite clientele of the city.

However, Keckley's journey was not without its challenges. She faced continued prejudice and discrimination, as well as financial setbacks. In

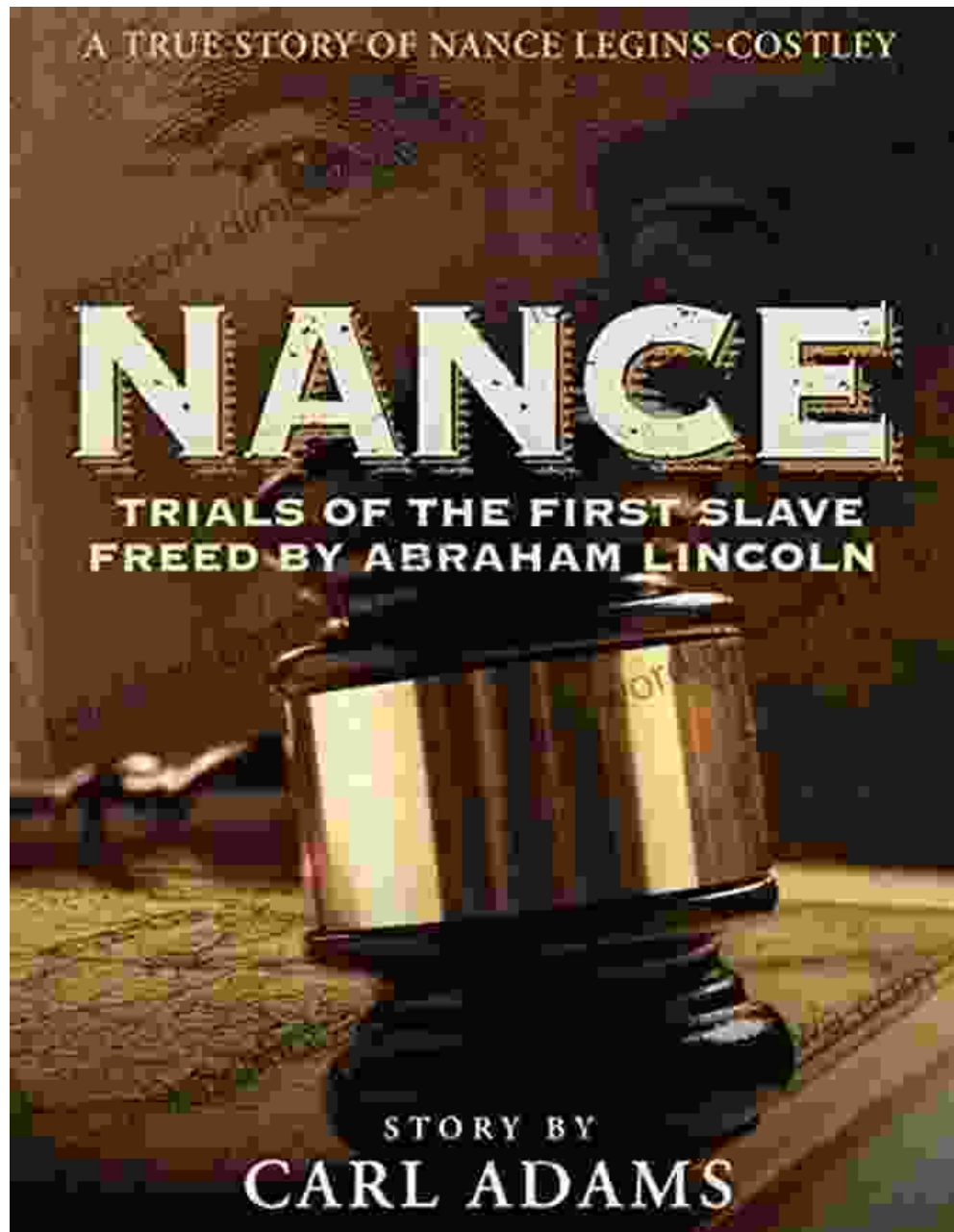
later years, she struggled with loneliness and the memories of her past as a slave.

A Legacy of Resilience and Inspiration

Elizabeth Keckley's life is a powerful reminder of the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. Her story sheds light on the complexities of race, identity, and the pursuit of freedom in 19th-century America.

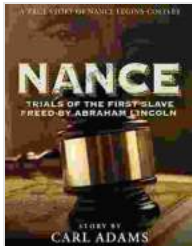
In her memoir, Keckley left behind a legacy of hope and determination. Her words continue to inspire generations, reminding us of the importance of perseverance, forgiveness, and the unwavering belief in our own worth.

Read the Book



Discover the full story of Elizabeth Keckley in Leslie M. Harris's captivating book, *Trials of the First Slave Freed by Abraham Lincoln*. This meticulously researched and beautifully written biography brings Keckley's extraordinary life to life, offering a fresh perspective on one of the most remarkable women in American history.

Free Download your copy today and delve into the inspiring journey of Elizabeth Keckley, the slave who became a symbol of resilience and triumph.



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