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Karen Witzler says

An important book from my childhood; Harriet Tubman/Araminta's stark, stubborn, holy courage was made real in these pages and continues to help me in small ways to this very day.

Alycia Kelly says

Loved this book! This book is pretty self explanatory, by the title. The book discusses how Harriet Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom, on the Underground Railroad.

Joseph Sarandrea says

Runaway Slave by Ann McGovern is an informational picture book illustrated by R.M. Powers, and is a fantastic way for children of all ages to learn about the life and struggle of a true hero, Harriet Tubman.

Runaway Slave opens with an authors note giving a brief summary of Harriet Tubmans background in order to help the story make sense. It is a minor detail in the book that really helps McGovern show how influential and important of a person Harriet Tubman was. The book then continues on with Harriett's story, beginning in her childhood while she was at her owner, Miss Susan's house doing daily chores. The story talks about how she is whipped and beaten and gives a perspective of slaveship that creates empathy in the reader.

After being sold to another owner, Harriet decides she cannot put up with these living conditions anymore and hears of a way out, The Underground Railroad. The story continues on telling of her escape and heroic acts saving other slaves from living in harsh conditions.

The illustrations in Runaway Slave have a shadowy feel to them, emphasising the secrecy of this "Underground Railroad" the slaves escaped through. The pictures appear to be pressed on the page with blue ink and add a great illustrative touch to the story.

Melissa Housholder says

This is the enticing story of a true hero, Harriet Tubman. This book tells of all the things Harriet had to go through to get herself, her family and her friends to freedom. Powerful book. Wonderful illustrations.

Selby says

I have vivid memories of reading this book (I think it was this one) from Scholastic Books over and over, as another reviewer said. At this point in my life -- 4th or 5th grade -- I don't think I had ever met a Black person. Not that I remember anyway.

Ryan says

I read this book in elementary school back in the mid 1980s to late 1980s. It had a profound impact on me at that time, although it probably took me years to realize.

HeavyReader says

I read this book repeatedly as a child, over and over and over again. I got it from an elementary school book order. I could remember the cover, but not the title or the author until april pulled it off a shelf at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in McMinnville, Oregon. I was happy to see this book again and didn't even have to have it, as long as I could log it on Goodreads.
