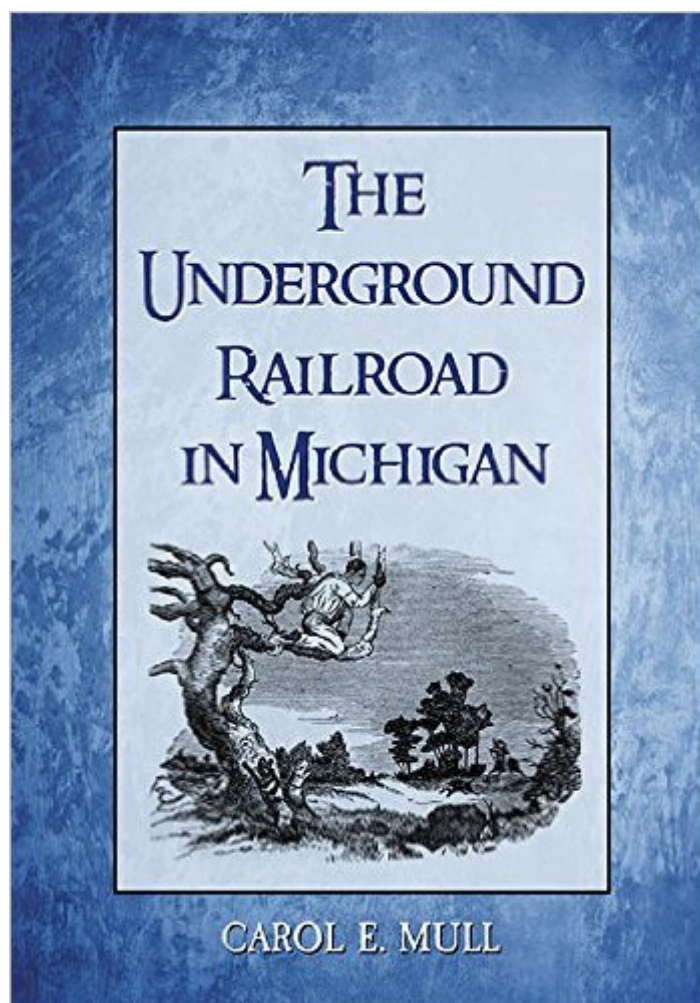


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The Underground Railroad In Michigan



Synopsis

Though living far north of the Mason-Dixon line, many mid-nineteenth-century citizens of Michigan rose up to protest the moral offense of slavery; they published an abolitionist newspaper and founded an anti-slavery society, as well as a campaign for emancipation. By the 1840s, a prominent abolitionist from Illinois had crossed the state line to Michigan, establishing new stations on the Underground Railroad. This book is the first comprehensive exploration of abolitionism and the network of escape from slavery in the state. First-person accounts are interwoven with an expansive historical overview of national events to offer a fresh examination of Michigan's critical role in the movement to end American slavery.

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Customer Reviews

Several months ago I read another similar book called *The Underground Railroad on the Western Frontier: Escapes from Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa and the Territories of Kansas, Nebraska and the Indian Nations, 1840-1865*. However, whereas the previous book focus mainly on the Western Frontier, this one focuses on how Michigan became an important part of the Underground Railroad, becoming a safe haven for runaway slaves besides the fact that Detroit (codenamed "Midnight" by those who ran the Underground Railroad) is a ferry ride away from permanent freedom in Canada. Each chapter starts with an account from a runaway who succeeded in escaping to freedom. From there we get a mini history on the state going back to its territory status. There's also detail info on these who helped runaways as well as ill-fated attempts by (Kentuckian) slave hunters to raid the black communities of Michigan in search of runways. Like "The Underground Railroad on

the Western Frontier" this is a well written & researched book filled with photos & illustrations. The high price of both may be a turn-off to some. Yet both are great books to look for if you're interested in the Underground Railroad.

I was fascinated by the information in "The Underground Railroad in Michigan" by Carol Mull. As a Michigan resident, I didn't realize the important role my state played in helping self-emancipators gain freedom. The author did an excellent job providing the appropriate historical context (nationally as well as here in Michigan) while tying in compelling personal narratives. By the end of the book I felt proud of my home state and inspired by the courageous people who risked their lives to be conductors on the underground railroad. I would definitely be interested in reading more about this topic, especially more anecdotes of escapes that came through Southeastern Michigan.

I found the book fascinating and informative. It is well written and researched. I would recommend this book to anyone that has connections to Michigan, slavery and an interest in some of the darker periods in our nations history. The Slave act of 1850 is discussed in this book and helps to explain the mass exodus of blacks from the US into Canada. I purchased this book over a year ago. I use it as references to locations and in my genealogical research. I am a direct descendent to one of the people mentioned in the book and the book has provided me with leads across a roadblock that I had been struggling with for a few years. BUY THE BOOK you won't be disappointed.

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