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A True Story of the Great Dismal Swamp



Synopsis

Can you imagine being a teen-ager in the year 1800? No computers or video games, no cars, no electricity, and no indoor plumbing. What could be worse? Being enslaved, as well. This is the fictionalized true story of Moses Grandy, a an African American boy living on the edge of the Great Dismal Swamp. After his first master dies, Moses is hired out yearly. He goes through a series of masters, some mostly kind, some indifferent and some cruel taskmasters. A kind white girl teaches him, but then he's whipped for seeming too smart. He is beaten with a fireplace shovel, is nearly starved to death, and a field boss becomes a deadly enemy. Yet he becomes an adept mule-handler, an expert waterman, and a savvy trader. His experiences harden his resolve and strengthen his fate, but he cannot bear his miserable condition. Will he revolt? Will he run? Or will he stand tall and fight the very system of slavery itself.

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