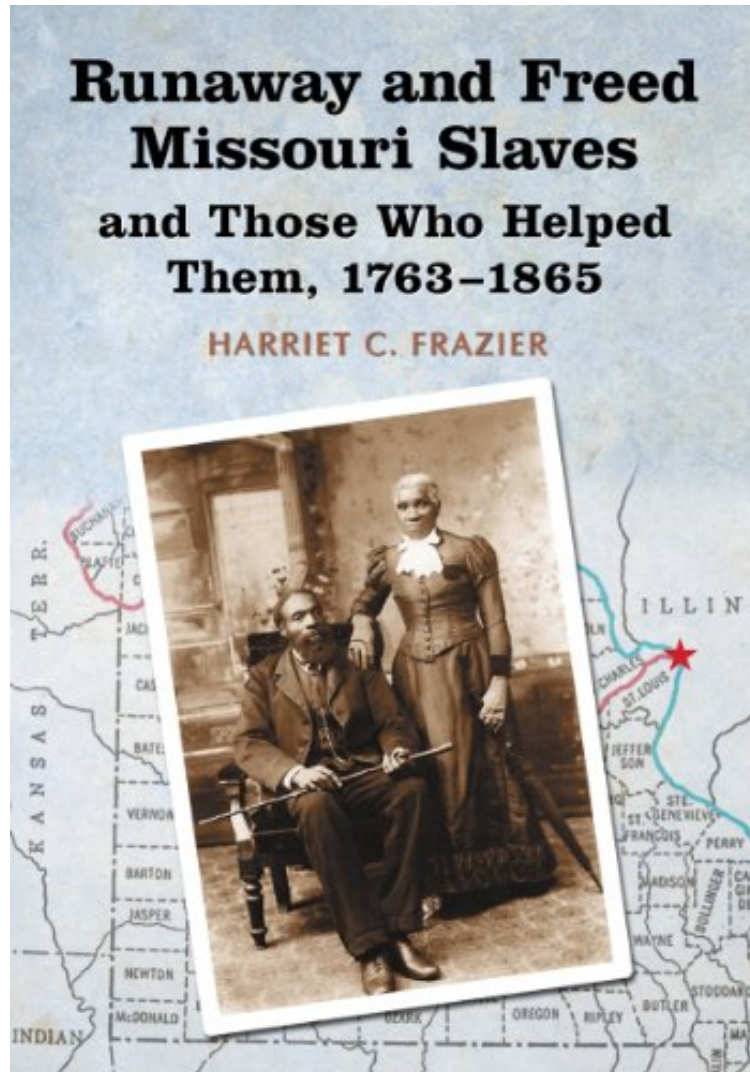


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**Harriet C. Frazier : Runaway and Freed Missouri Slaves and Those Who Helped Them, 1763-1865** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Runaway and Freed Missouri Slaves and Those Who Helped Them, 1763-1865:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An Anti-Slavery Book By David Carlyle Harriet Frazier writes about Missourians' attitudes and behaviors relative to slavery, before and during the civil war. She doesn't hide her sympathy for slaves and abolitionists, and she's turned off by atrocities the pro-slavery people commit, but no less so by atrocities the anti-slavery people and the slaves do. Except for two minor instances, she manages to have a point of

view without showing bias. In one instance of bias, she goes far from Missouri to review the Sally Heming-Thomas Jefferson rumor, and to say dna evidence proves President Jefferson is the father of one of Sally Heming's children. She doesn't acknowledge the possibility the child's father isn't Thomas, but instead, one of his relatives. Her certainty doesn't seem enough to reduce the book from five stars, first because she might be right, and second because, if she isn't, then someone still did Sally Heming wrong. Frazier's second slip may not be actual bias. Although she lambasts William Quantrill's actions in Lawrence with a sentence or two, she gives John Brown four or five pages; she deplors his early murders, but admires some of his better actions. The extra emphasis on Brown is consistent with the title of the book, "Runaway Slaves and Those Who Helped Them, 1763-1865." The first chapter of the book seems almost unnecessary. Frazier calls it "The Myth of the Contented Slave." She uses several pages to convince her readers slaves were never content, but it's hard to think today, that anyone, ever, would be content to be 'owned' by another person. Nevertheless, even though the book contains some history, this one makes me break my rule about no more than four stars for a history book. David Carlyle, "Another Land."

From the beginning of French rule of Missouri in 1720 through this state's abolition of slavery in 1865, liberty was always the goal of the vast majority of its enslaved people. The presence in eastern Kansas of a host of abolitionists from New England made slaveholding risky business. Mennonites and Quakers had voiced their detestation of human bondage long before the United States existed. A number of devout persons served time in the Missouri state penitentiary for "slave stealing." Based largely on old newspapers, prison records, pardon papers, and other archival materials, this book is an account of the legal and physical obstacles that slaves faced in their quest for freedom and of the consequences suffered by persons who tried to help them.

"Fascinating tale of the period between 1763 and 1865"--The Kansas City Star; "a most interesting history...a volume well worth reading" --The Kansas City Star; a most interesting history...a volume well worth reading St. Joseph News-Press. About the Author Harriet C. Frazier is a retired law professor in the Criminal Justice Department of the University of Central Missouri and an attorney. She lives in Missouri.