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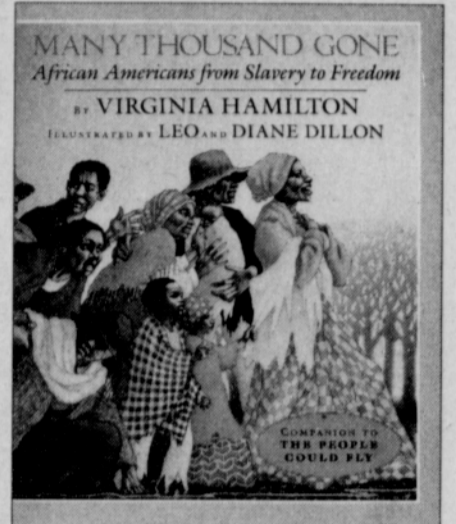
RECOMMENDED READING

From Slavery to Freedom in America

BY VIRGINIA HAMILTON
ALFRED A. KNOPF; 2002

A bestseller across the country, "Many Thousand Gone" is a poignant anthology tracing the history of slavery in America through the voices and stories of those who lived it.

Opening with Somerset, a slave who won his freedom in 1807 when he traveled from Massachusetts to London with his owner, Hamilton vividly outlines the hardships of slavery in twenty-eight powerful stories. From Gustavus Vassa (Olaudah Equiana) to Sojourner Truth to Frederick Douglass, each story portrays a hauntingly different aspect of the institution of slavery and a clear picture of the strength of those who were enslaved.



Haiti's Treasured Military Genius

BY MADISON SMARTT BELL
PENGUIN BOOKS; 2001

In this astonishing and ambitious novel, "Master of the Crossroads," Madison Smartt Bell brings to life the rise to power of Toussaint, telling how, beginning in 1794, he leads his troops to victory over English and Spanish invaders, over the French political establishment, and in a civil uprising for control of the infant island republic of Haiti.

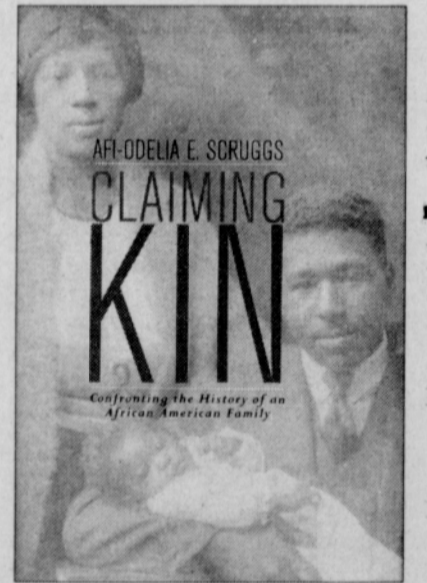
In this powerfully imagined tale of Toussaint's triumph and its aftermath, Bell gives us a kaleidoscopic portrait of this extraordinary figure as seen through the eyes of the men and women whose paths he crossed. The intersection of peoples who inhabited this war-torn island - English, French, Spanish and African - creates a rich social canvas against which the astonishing story of Toussaint Louverture unfolds over the course of nine tumultuous years.



Hunting Down Family Roots

BY AFI-ODELIA E. SCRUGGS
ST. MARTIN'S PRESS; 2002

"Claiming Kin" is the compelling story of Afi-Odelia E. Scruggs' search for her roots after the death of the father she barely knew. Her quest leads into the past from her hometown in Nashville, Tennessee, back to the birthplace of the Scruggs in nearby Williamson County. There, she traces the family back to 1847 and the Scruggs farm where her ancestors were slaves. Ultimately, this spiritual and emotional journey to honor her ancestors spurs Scruggs to examine and reaffirm her beliefs in the importance of family and her religion. "Claiming Kin" is a tale that will capture the heart and mind.




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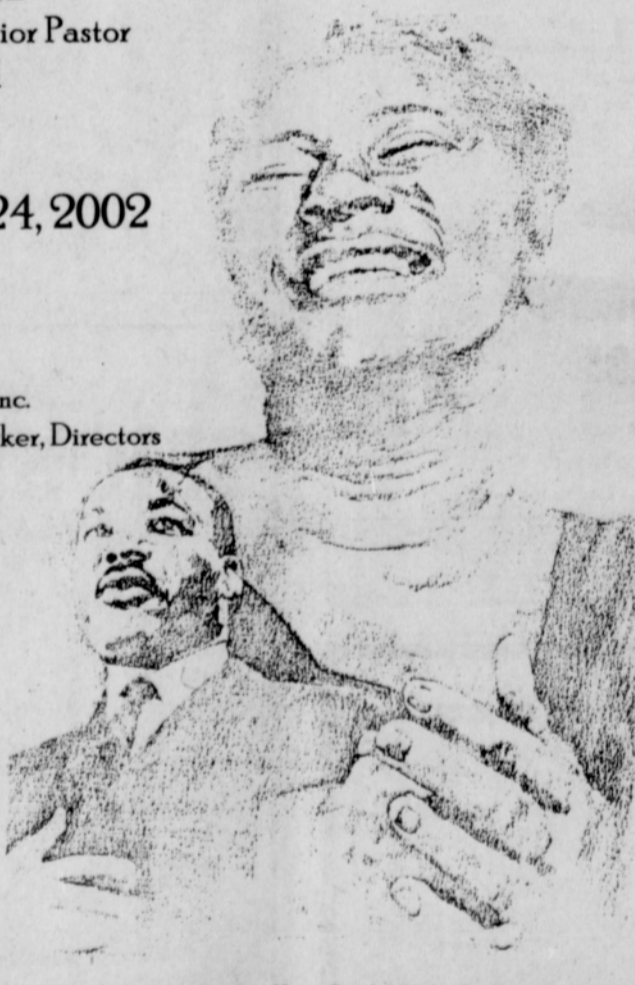
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