

Born in North Carolina in 1813, Harriet Jacobs was a slave in the South, a fugitive in the South and in the North, an activist abolitionist, and the author of the pseudonymously-published *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl: Written by Herself* (1861), which has become a classic nineteenth-century American text. During the Civil War, she returned South as a relief worker—gathering food and supplies in the North and distributing them to fugitives from slavery—and as a war correspondent, reporting to antislavery periodicals in the North and in England on life in refugee camps in Alexandria, Virginia and Savannah, Georgia. She then settled in Boston, Massachusetts and later, in Washington, D. C., where her daughter, Louisa, who had worked with her in the South, became an activist for universal suffrage. Harriet Jacobs died in 1897 and is buried in Mt. Auburn cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.