



*Epic Journeys of Freedom* is an important book, a heartbreaking book, and a narrative marvel. From scraps of information patiently gathered on four continents, it brings to life American slaves who attempted to forge their own freedom, and in the process weaves together themes in eighteenth-century history that have been for too long separate.

**Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize Professor of Early American History, Harvard**

Just amazing. What a gripping narrative. *Epic Journeys of Freedom* is a truly heroic story of the exodus of runaway slaves that covers four continents. And Pybus has such command of the sources. An awesome achievement!

**Al Young, Senior Research Fellow, Newberry and author of *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party***

Cassandra Pybus adds greatly to the work of previous scholars by insisting that slaves stand at the center of their own history...to expose the dangers that escape entailed and the courage it took to risk all for freedom. Only by measuring those dangers can the exhilaration of success be comprehended and the unspeakable misery of failure be appreciated.

**Ira Berlin, Distinguished Professor of History, Maryland and author of *Many Thousands Gone***

Cassandra Pybus produces revelation after revelation as she tells the personal and collective stories of an astounding African American quest for freedom leading to far places. New light is cast on the American Revolution, on the human spirit, and on the ironies of history.

**Rhys Isaac, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in History Distinguished Professor, College of William & Mary**

A wonderful book, *Epic Journeys of Freedom*, is based on extensive and creative research and makes an important contribution to African American and to African diaspora studies. The challenge to escape and to end slavery, the transnational flights and fights are dramatically captured in Cassandra Pybus' compelling and provocative account of courageous men and women determined to be free. This is essential reading.

**Darlene Clark-Hine, Distinguished Professor of History Northwestern University and co-author, *The African-American Odyssey* (2005)**

Through meticulous archival research, Cassandra Pybus has woven together a story of extraordinary courage, endurance, and religious commitment among black founding fathers who have never been properly recognized. That among them were former

slaves of George Washington, Patrick Henry, and other white founding fathers makes this book all the more engaging.

**Gary B. Nash, Director of National Center for History, UCLA and author of *The Unknown American Revolution***

