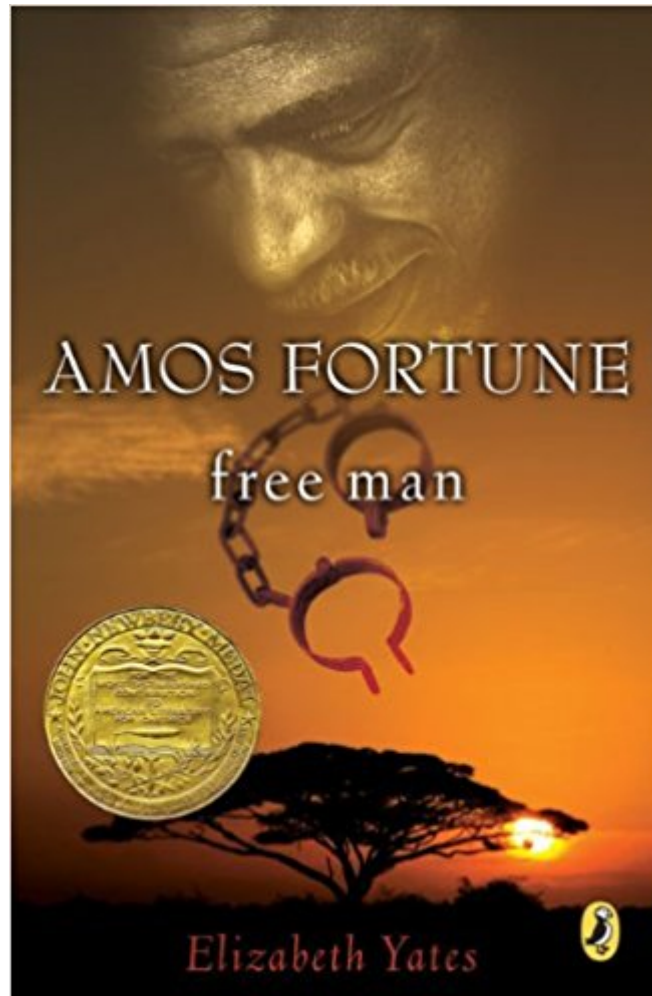




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# Amos Fortune, Free Man (Newbery Library, Puffin)



## Synopsis

A Newbery Medal Winner When Amos Fortune was only fifteen years old, he was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was sold at auction. Although his freedom had been taken, Amos never lost his dignity and courage. For 45 years, Amos worked as a slave and dreamed of freedom. And, at age 60, he finally began to see those dreams come true. "The moving story of a life dedicated to the fight for freedom." [Booklist](#)

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## Customer Reviews

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Elizabeth Yates (1905–2001), prolific American author, won the 1951 Newbery Medal for her novel *Amos Fortune, Free Man*. She also received a Newbery Honor in 1944 for *Mountain Born*. Nora Unwin (1907–1982) illustrated more than one hundred books for children.

I did not read this book yet. The review is based on my 10 year old son's experience. He said that

the beginning is slow and not "so interesting," but by the middle of the book he was hooked. He really enjoyed this book so much that he wanted to tell me all of the details. My son is high-functioning autistic and has a really difficult time getting interested in any book that doesn't involve Minecraft or Legos. With that said, he read this book in 4 days!!!! That alone is a reason to make a 5 star review.

What an inspiration this book is. "Amos Fortune" is the Newbery Winner from 1950, and it is a worthwhile read. Amos himself is dignified, admirable, and solidly written. This book is an inspiration to children -- a life quietly lived pursuing the goal of freedom and self-sufficiency, while helping others as much as possible. Set in New England in late colonial/revolutionary/early American times. This book has it all -- plot, action, sadness, courage. It sets an example for kids who need to look outside themselves for the meaning of life. My favorite character was Violet, that encouraging, supportive industrious, strong wife. But then again, I'm a mom. Amos Fortune belongs on your child's bookshelf. Parent notes: a hard look at the capture and captivity of African blacks for slavery in the New World, the middle passage, violence against blacks. Uplifting book.

My daughter loves this book

A moving tale but not as personal as I would have expected. It seemed more a chronicle than a biography.

Good book to read with kiddos to give perspective of our history and how culture was, the more we learn about the past the less we are to make better choices.

Incredible true story of a local slave/hero.

Great book for studying early American Hist and slavery. My 6th grader read it for history.

Wonderful, true story of perseverance and triumph over circumstance. Amos endures more misfortune in life than many; but his unwavering faith and determination leave a truly inspiring legacy.

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