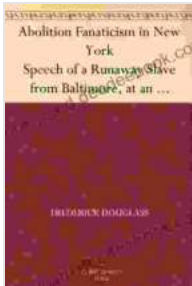


Abolition Fanaticism in New York: Speech of a Runaway Slave from Baltimore

Delivered in New York City, 1839



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Ladies and gentlemen,

I stand before you today as a runaway slave from the city of Baltimore. I have come here to speak to you about the abolitionist movement, and to share with you my thoughts on its leaders and their motives.

I have been a slave for over twenty years. I have seen the horrors of slavery firsthand. I have seen my fellow slaves beaten, whipped, and sold like cattle. I have seen children torn from their parents, and wives from their husbands. I have seen the horrors of slavery, and I know that it is a system that must be abolished.

But I have also seen the hypocrisy of the abolitionist movement. I have seen the leaders of this movement use the plight of slaves to further their own careers. I have seen them raise money in the name of abolition, while they themselves live in luxury. I have seen them use the abolitionist movement to divide the country, and to create conflict between the North and the South.

I believe that the abolitionist movement is a dangerous and destructive force. I believe that it is a movement that is based on hypocrisy and self-interest. I believe that it is a movement that will ultimately lead to the downfall of our country.

I urge you to reject the abolitionist movement and its leaders. I urge you to support the Constitution of the United States, and to support the institution of slavery. I urge you to work for the preservation of our Union, and for the peace and prosperity of our country.

Thank you.

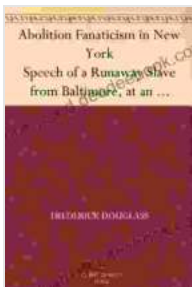
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This speech was delivered by a runaway slave from Baltimore at a meeting of the New York Anti-Slavery Society in 1839. The speech was widely reported in the newspapers of the time, and it caused a great deal of controversy.

The speech is a powerful indictment of the abolitionist movement. The runaway slave accuses the abolitionists of hypocrisy, self-interest, and divisiveness. He argues that the abolitionist movement is a dangerous and destructive force that will ultimately lead to the downfall of the country.

The speech is a valuable historical document. It provides a unique perspective on the abolitionist movement from the perspective of a former slave. The speech challenges the prevailing narratives of the time, and it raises important questions about the nature of the abolitionist movement and its leaders.

The speech is also a reminder of the horrors of slavery. The runaway slave's firsthand account of the brutality of slavery is a powerful reminder of the evils of this institution. The speech is a call to action. It is a call to action to end slavery and to create a more just and equitable society.



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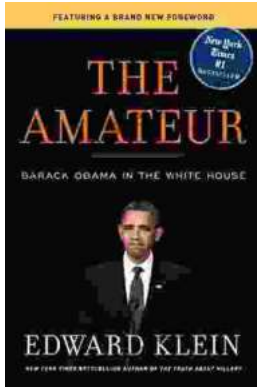
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