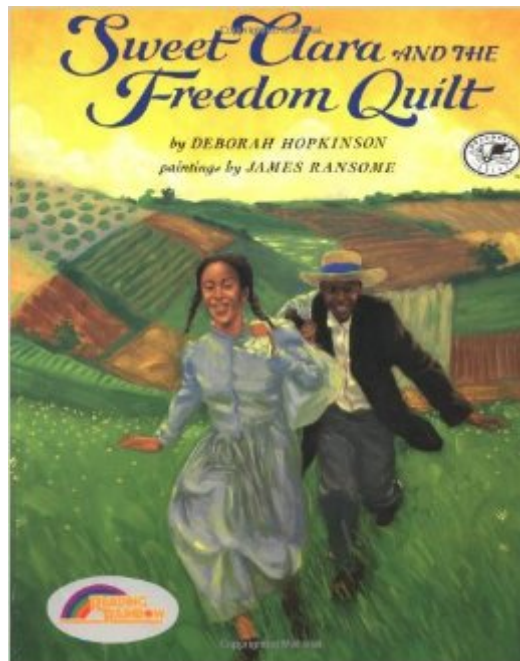




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# Sweet Clara And The Freedom Quilt (Reading Rainbow Books)



## Synopsis

2013 marks the 20th anniversary of *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*! As a seamstress in the Big House, Clara dreams of a reunion with her Momma, who lives on another plantation--and even of running away to freedom. Then she overhears two slaves talking about the Underground Railroad. In a flash of inspiration, Clara sees how she can use the cloth in her scrap bag to make a map of the land--a freedom quilt--that no master will ever suspect.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

A courageous slave girl plays an unusual part in the Underground Railroad; in a starred review, PW said, "This first-rate book is a triumph of the heart." Ages 5-10. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-- Clara, a young slave, works as a seamstress and dreams of freedom. Overhearing drovers talk of escaping North enables her to make a patchwork map of the area. When she escapes, she leaves the quilt behind to guide others. Based on a true event, this is a well-written picture book. Ransome's oil paintings, however, are perhaps too smooth and rich for the

story they tell. The world depicted is too bright, open, and clean. For example, in the first scene Clara has been put to work in the cotton fields. Supposedly too frail to last long at such work, she is pictured as a slim, serious, yet sturdy girl. The bright yellow sky and the charming smile of the boy with her belie the realities of the back-breaking work. In another scene, young Jack, who has been brought back the day before from running away, looks solemn, but not distressed, and is wearing what appears to be a freshly ironed white shirt. Again, the image distances viewers from the realities of the situation. Clara's escape to Canada, too, is marvelously easy, although she does say, "But not all are as lucky as we were, and most never can come." It is not easy to present the horrors of slavery to young children; thus, even though Ransome's illustrations, and to some extent the text, err on the side of caution, this is an inspiring story worth inclusion in most collections. --Karen James, Louisville Free Public Library, KY Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

As described -- fast shipping -- thank you!!

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This book was a great introduction to the Underground railroad and Freedom Quilts. My 5th graders loved it!!!

Great book to read to the class!

Used this for a quilt project at school. The 7th graders had to read books, analyze them, and make a baby quilt to be donated. Love doing this unit.

Wonderful book for children explaining the Underground Railroad. Can't wait to share with the young people in my family.

Nice story.

Awesome. Will be having my students make a "math" quilt for symmetry lesson after reading this.

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