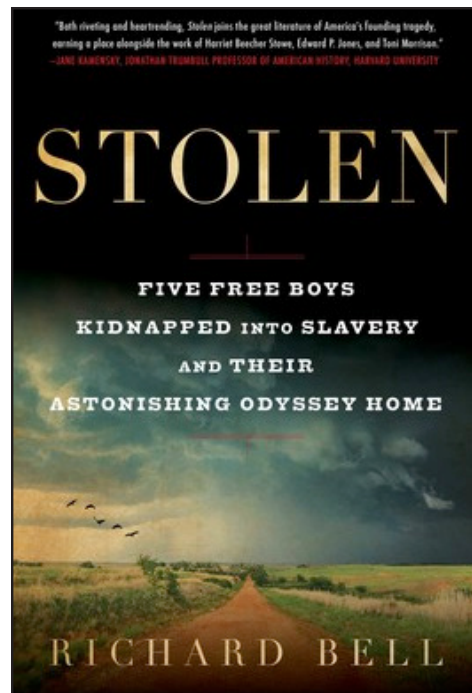


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Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home



Philadelphia, 1825: five young, free black boys fall into the clutches of the most fearsome gang of kidnapers and slavers in the United States. Lured onto a small ship with the promise of food and pay, they are instead met with blindfolds, ropes, and knives. Over four long months, their kidnapers drive them overland into the Cotton Kingdom to be sold as slaves. Determined to resist, the boys form a tight brotherhood as they struggle to free themselves and find their way home.

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