

One of the MOST INSPIRATIONAL LIVES Ever Led

# DOUGLASS

The North Star



**LOGLINE:** A self-educated fugitive slave rises from the bondage of slavery to international acclaim as America's greatest civil rights leader of the 19th century, courageously and boldly changing history as an orator, author, abolitionist and statesman.

DOUGLASS is a feature-length historical biography set in 19th-century America illustrating the inspirational evolution of the father of American civil rights, Frederick Douglass. Born into slavery, barefoot and clothed in rags, Frederick Bailey escaped bondage. Through grit and determination, he became an orator, bestselling author, editor, abolitionist, statesman, foreign ambassador and counsel to five U.S. Presidents.

Through its unforgettable characters, this original screenplay contains vision, villains, dreams set into action, fighting, trains, spies, bounty hunters, hair-breadth escapes, impudence in the face of evil, sexual desire, stirring forgiveness, political influence and incomparable bravery. Douglass' story leaves one hopeful, encouraged and inspired. His quest for moral victory in an immoral world rings true more than 150 years later.

No feature film has yet captured this American hero in the manner in which DOUGLASS has. Master journalist and storyteller Kerry Gleason utilized his Rochester, N.Y. roots and resources to create a riveting script that chronicles human resilience in America's most troubling hours.

Just as Frederick Douglass climbed on board a train to visit President Abraham Lincoln unannounced, not knowing the outcome, I urge you to climb on board and give DOUGLASS a read.

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