

# Stealing freedom by: elisa carbone



During the time he does not work he builds rocking chairs to sell to people. Every year John takes all his money and tries to buy his freedom, but Master Charles says, " no! " because he knows the first thing he will do is buy his wife's freedom.

Augustus is Ann's oldest brother. When Augustus fought Master Richard, he got a whipping. During the whipping Augustus did not even make a noise, not until the salt water touched his cuts on his back. He was sold to Alabama like his brothers but not to the same plantation.

Her other brother Addison is a nice boy but not as strong as Augustus.

He went with Ann to feed the dogs during Master Richard's birthday. Her youngest brother Joseph was sold with his brothers to an Alabama plantation. Benjamin is a young boy whose mother is sold so he stays with Ann and her family, but on one day when Ann is going to give her father a meal. Master Charles takes him for a horse ride, then he is gone. Mr.

Biglow is a man who helps Ann reach her freedom. He holds Ann in his house when her want advertisement is out in the papers. The story started when it was Master Richard's birthday.

Ann and Addison had to feed the dogs so Master Richard's party was not ruined.

If they were caught they would have been in very big trouble. Ann then asked Master Richard how old he was. He said he was 11 years old, but she made a bigger mistake. She said that Augustus said that he was older and stronger than Master Richard.

Awhile later Augustus got into a fight with Master Richard. Then he was whipped for winning. During the winter Ann had the biggest Christmas feast. Most of her Aunts and uncles, cousins and the omeat to eat for their feast.

Uncle William and aunt Mimi ran from their master to Dresden, Canada.

I am happy to say that they made it all the way. Then Ann's three brothers and friend, Augustus, Addison, Joseph, and Benjamin. Shortly afterwards Ann's father came to visit. He told them that he talked to a man named Reverend Ray about buying Ann's family from Master Charles.

When Mr. Biglow came and suggested \$1,000 for Ann's mom \$1,600 for Catherine and \$500 for Ann Master Charles only sold Mom and Catherine. Then Ann moved to Rockville. This is where Ann learned how to read and write from Sarah.

Then a man came and kidnapped Ann.

Ann stayed in a hidden room in Mr. Biglow house. One night after supper a man named Sergeant Orme came looking for Ann. He didn't find her. After leaving Mr.

Biglow Ann rode in a carriage with Mr. H. Until she got to Reverend Ray's house. He took her to Reverend Freeman's house.

then Ann rode in a train to Chatham. Along the train ride Ann was stopped by a man looking for runaways. She also was stopped by dogs, but she distracted them with food so they wouldn't notice her. When she got to Chatham she found Uncle William and Aunt Mimi.

Now she lives with them forever until she meets her family in heaven. The resolution to the problem is Ann runs away to freedom and risks never seeing her family again.

I think the theme of the story is to always follow your heart no matter what. Elisa Carbone lives with her family in the same house that Ann Maria Weems live in the 1850s. She also makes a living telling people of Ann Maria Weems life and travel to freedom. Other books she has written are Starting School with an Enemy, the Naked Truth, and Storm Warrior.