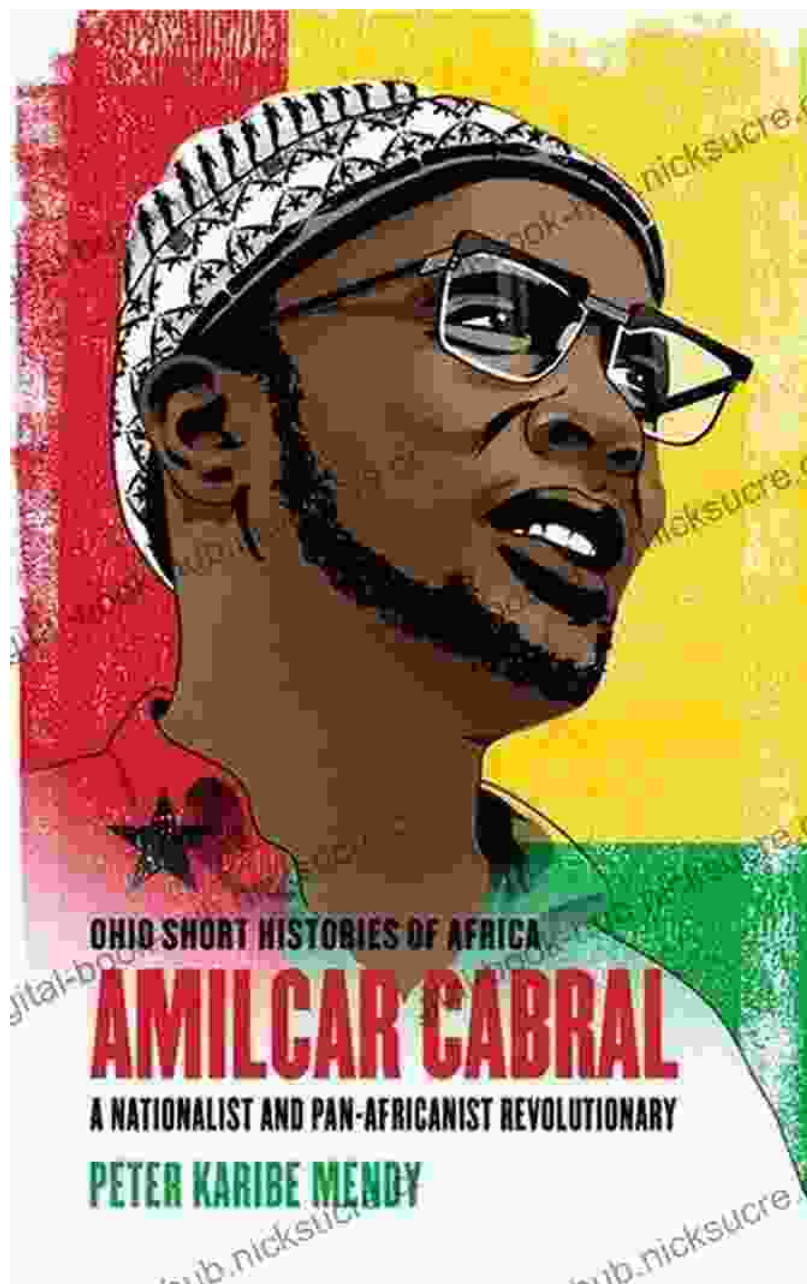
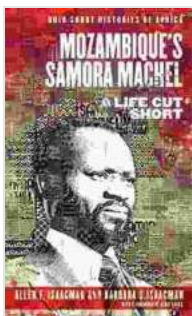


# Life Cut Short: Ohio Short Histories of Africa



In the heart of the Midwest, where the Ohio River winds its way through rolling hills, lies a little-known collection of stories that offer a glimpse into the lives of Africans and their descendants who were brought to this country as slaves. These stories, collected by the Ohio Historical Society,

are a testament to the resilience and strength of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable hardship.



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Life Cut Short is a collection of 12 short stories that tell the stories of Africans who were brought to Ohio as slaves. The stories are based on historical research and interviews with descendants of those who were enslaved.

The stories in Life Cut Short are often tragic, but they are also inspiring. They show how Africans and their descendants overcame adversity to build new lives in a new land. They are a reminder of the horrors of slavery, but they are also a celebration of the human spirit.

### Ohio's Role in the Underground Railroad

Ohio played a key role in the Underground Railroad, a network of secret routes and safe houses used by slaves to escape to freedom in the North. The state was home to a number of abolitionist organizations, and many Ohioans risked their lives to help slaves escape.

One of the most famous abolitionists in Ohio was Levi Coffin, a Quaker who helped more than 3,000 slaves escape to freedom. Coffin's home in Cincinnati was a major stop on the Underground Railroad, and he is credited with saving the lives of many slaves.

Another important Ohio abolitionist was John Rankin, a Presbyterian minister who helped hundreds of slaves escape to freedom. Rankin's home in Ripley, Ohio, was a safe house on the Underground Railroad, and he is credited with helping to establish the first anti-slavery newspaper in the United States.

The Underground Railroad was a dangerous enterprise, but it was also a testament to the compassion and courage of those who were involved. The stories of the slaves who escaped to freedom through Ohio are a reminder of the importance of fighting for justice and equality.

## **The Legacy of Slavery in Ohio**

The legacy of slavery in Ohio is complex and multifaceted. The state was home to both abolitionists and slave owners, and the issue of slavery was a major source of tension in the state.

After the Civil War, Ohio became a haven for African Americans seeking to escape the racism and discrimination of the South. The state was home to a number of black communities, and African Americans played a vital role in the state's economy and culture.

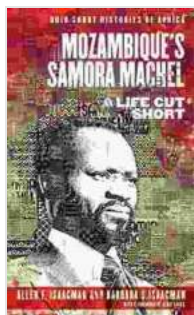
However, racism and discrimination continued to exist in Ohio, and African Americans faced many challenges in the years after the Civil War. The state was home to a number of lynchings and race riots, and African

Americans were often denied access to education, employment, and housing.

In the 20th century, Ohio became a major center of the civil rights movement. African Americans in Ohio fought for equal rights and opportunities, and the state was home to a number of important civil rights leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

The legacy of slavery in Ohio is still felt today. The state is home to a large population of African Americans, and many of the challenges that they face can be traced back to the history of slavery. However, Ohio is also a state that has a long history of fighting for justice and equality, and the state's African American community has made significant contributions to the state's culture and economy.

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