# **Uncle Tom's Cabin: A Maxnotes Literature Guide**



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Uncle Tom's Cabin is a novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe that was published in 1852. The novel tells the story of Uncle Tom, a slave who is sold away from his family and friends. Uncle Tom's Cabin was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to increase the awareness of the abolitionist movement in the United States.

Maxnotes Literature Guides provides a comprehensive analysis of Uncle Tom's Cabin, including:

- A summary of the plot
- A character analysis
- A discussion of the novel's themes.

#### **Plot Summary**

Uncle Tom's Cabin is set in the antebellum South. The novel follows the story of Uncle Tom, a slave who is sold away from his family and friends. Uncle Tom is a kind and gentle man, but he is also a victim of the cruelties of slavery. He is beaten, whipped, and sold multiple times. Despite all of this, Uncle Tom never loses his faith in God.

The novel also follows the stories of other slaves, including Eliza, a young woman who escapes from slavery with her son, and George Harris, a free black man who is trying to help his family escape from slavery. The novel ends with the death of Uncle Tom. However, his death is not in vain. His story helps to inspire the abolitionist movement and leads to the eventual end of slavery in the United States.

#### **Character Analysis**

Uncle Tom is the central character in the novel. He is a kind and gentle man, but he is also a victim of the cruelties of slavery. He is beaten, whipped, and sold multiple times. Despite all of this, Uncle Tom never loses his faith in God. He is a symbol of the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

Other important characters in the novel include:

- Eliza: A young woman who escapes from slavery with her son.
- George Harris: A free black man who is trying to help his family escape from slavery.
- Simon Legree: A cruel and heartless slave owner.

Miss Ophelia: A Northern woman who comes to the South to teach

slaves.

**Themes** 

Uncle Tom's Cabin explores a number of important themes, including:

The evils of slavery

The strength of the human spirit

The importance of faith

The novel shows the horrors of slavery and the dehumanizing effects it has

on both slaves and slave owners. It also shows the strength of the human

spirit and the power of faith to overcome even the most difficult

circumstances.

Uncle Tom's Cabin is a powerful and moving novel that has had a profound

impact on American history. The novel helped to increase the awareness of

the evils of slavery and played a role in the abolitionist movement.

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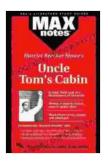
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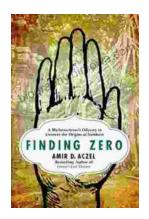
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