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An Autobiography, The Story Of The Lord's Dealings With Mrs. Amanda Smith, The Colored Evangelist: Containing An Account Of Her Life Work Of Faith, And ... In America, England, Ireland, Scotla





Synopsis

Amanda Berry Smith (January 23, 1837 – February 24, 1915) was a former slave who became an inspiration to thousands of women both black and white. In 1876, she was invited to speak and sing in England travelling on a first class cabin provided by her friends. The captain invited her to conduct a religious service on board and she was so modest that the other passengers spread word of her and resulted in her staying in England and Scotland for a year and a half. She next traveled to and ministered in India, then spent eight years in Africa working with churches and evangelizing. While in Africa she suffered from repeated attacks of "African Fever" but persisted in her work. As a strong proponent of the Temperance Movement both in Africa and in the United States, she was invited by noted temperance advocate Rev. Dr. Theodore Ledyard Cuyler to preach at his Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn New York, then the largest church in its denomination. Upon her return from Africa, Amanda funded her own memorable opportunity. She funded The Amanda Smith Orphanage and Industrial Home for Abandoned and Destitute Colored Children. It was an institution for the poor and friendless colored children in a suburban neighborhood in Chicago. . The institution provided a home for children to become self-reliant. Amanda traveled many states to help gather money to support her work. Support for this institution depended on interracial cooperation for fund-raising and an advisory board. To raise funds for the initial costs, Smith enlisted Methodist interracial cooperation across the country. She was dedicated and put forth a lot of energy for the home. However, she soon met conflict with the orphanage due to many problems such as financial, a fire that destroyed the building, conflict between Smith and the staff, complaints from neighbors, and failed inspections by the orphan home investigators. Two years following Smith's death, another fire broke out in the home killing two girls. The building was closed for good.[5] She continued to visit various nations and gained a reputation as "God's image carved in ebony." Her autobiography was published in 1893. (This pre-1923 publication has been converted from its original format and may contain an occasional defect from the conversion process or from the original publication.)

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Customer Reviews

Her Preface and the Introduction by Bishop James Mills Thoburn of India are quite moving. This chapter title caught my eye: "How I Bought My Sister Frances And How The Lord Paid The Debt." This chapter alone is worth the purchase. It's a fascinating story of bravery, faith, honesty and hopeful determination "trademarks of this remarkable woman's entire life. As a teaser, here are some other chapter titles: "Marriage And Disappointed Hopes" "My Temptation To Leave The Church" "Thy Will Be Done," And How The Spirit Taught Me Its Meaning "Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice" Amanda Smith is an excellent writer - colorful descriptions and powerful stories. The Kindle version is poorly indexed but the content is searchable.

Amanda Smith was a lay preacher, teacher, traveler immediately after the end of the civil war. When I heard of her and her work I just had to read her autobiography. It is published without editing. It is amazing writing for a person who only has a 3 months education. The stories were so amazing for an ex-slave to experience in a time that the churches were not really very open for a women preacher. The YWCA and the Methodist Conferences were places where independent women could find a path for work that was meaningful and allowed them to remain single. Ms. Smith had two marriages, but she ultimately lived most of her adult life serving a Christian God all over the world. I certainly appreciated seeing the world through her eyes and experiences. I was sad the book was over, and wished there was more about her personal life, but I enjoyed reading this book and seeing

the world through her eyes. Sue Ella

A must read for Christians wondering how to live a Christ-centered life on a day to day basis. The prayer life of Mrs. Smith is what impressed me the most. She lived a life of total dependence on Jesus, which gave her amazing independence to achieve God's works. This book reads like a standard operating procedure (SOP) for Christians.

Helps you understand that it's what the Lord wants you to do that that brings true fulfilment.

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