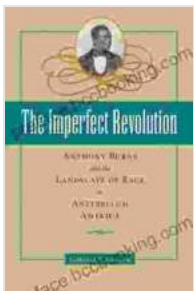


Anthony Burns and the Landscape of Race in Antebellum America

Sarah Burns' book, *Anthony Burns and the Landscape of Race in Antebellum America*, is a meticulously researched and well-written account of the life of Anthony Burns, an escaped slave who was recaptured and returned to slavery in Boston in 1854. The book provides a detailed look at the complex legal and social issues surrounding Burns' case, as well as the role of race and slavery in antebellum America.



The Imperfect Revolution: Anthony Burns and the Landscape of Race in Antebellum America (American Abolitionism and Antislavery) by Gordon S. Barker

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Burns was born into slavery in Virginia in 1834. In 1854, he escaped to Boston, where he worked as a waiter. However, he was soon recaptured by his former owner and returned to slavery. Burns' case sparked a national debate about the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850, which required all escaped slaves to be returned to their owners, even if they had escaped to free

states. The law was deeply unpopular in the North, and Burns' case became a rallying point for abolitionists.

Sarah Burns' book provides a comprehensive account of Burns' case, from his escape to his recapture and return to slavery. The book also examines the broader context of race and slavery in antebellum America. Burns' case was just one of many examples of the brutality and injustice of slavery. The book provides a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of slavery in the United States.

The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850

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The Fugitive Slave Law was a major factor in the growing tensions between the North and the South. The law was seen as a violation of states' rights, and it led to increased resistance to the federal government in the North. The law also helped to radicalize the abolitionist movement, and it played a role in the outbreak of the Civil War.

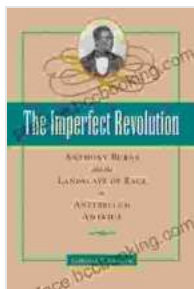
The Role of Race and Slavery in Antebellum America

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Slavery was also a major source of tension between the North and the South. The abolitionist movement grew in strength in the North, and it played a role in the outbreak of the Civil War.

The role of race and slavery in antebellum America is a complex and multifaceted issue. Sarah Burns' book provides a valuable resource for anyone interested in learning more about this important topic.

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