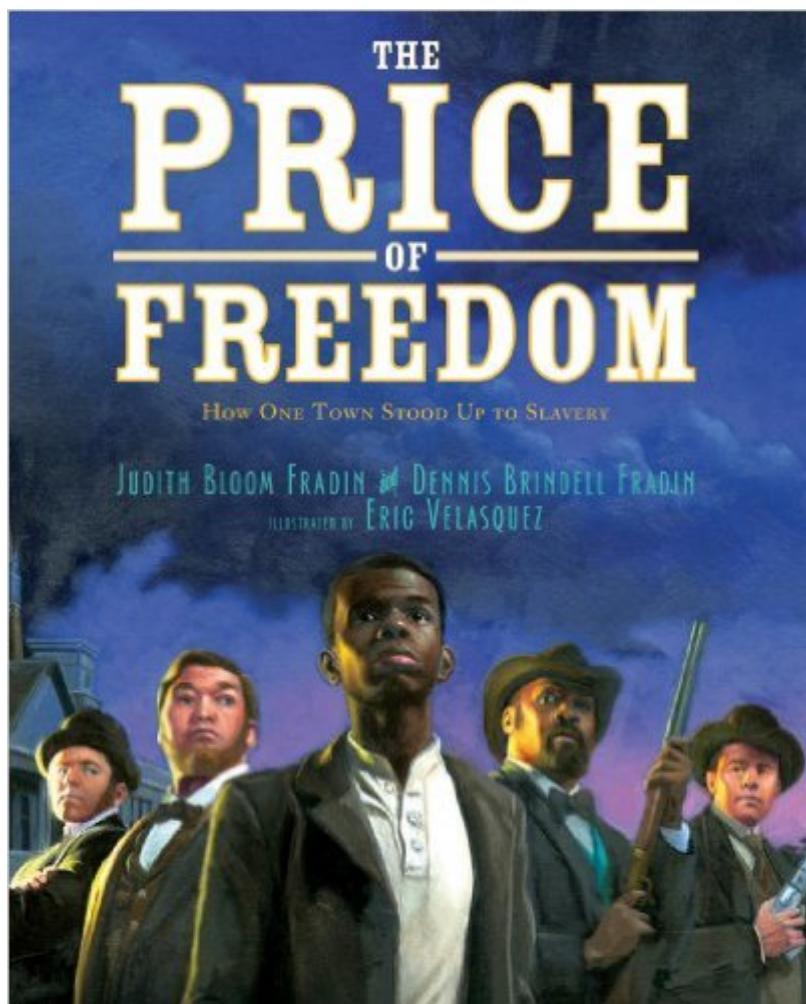


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# The Price Of Freedom: How One Town Stood Up To Slavery



## Synopsis

When John Price took a chance at freedom by crossing the frozen Ohio river from Kentucky into Ohio one January night in 1856, the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was fully enforced in every state of the union. But the townspeople of Oberlin, Ohio, believed there that all people deserved to be free, so Price started a new life in town-until a crew of slave-catchers arrived and apprehended him. When the residents of Oberlin heard of his capture, many of them banded together to demand his release in a dramatic showdown that risked their own freedom. Paired for the first time, highly acclaimed authors Dennis & Judith Fradin and Pura Belpré© award-winning illustrator Eric Velasquez, provide readers with an inspiring tale of how one man's journey to freedom helped spark an abolitionist movement.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This was a well written book that talks about a tough subject. I loved how this book shows how one multicultural town will stand up for one of its' residents, not allowing him to simply be sent back to slavery without a fight. This book is both entertaining and educational and allowed my girls to learn so much more about what slavery was and what it meant to the United States and to the people who were slaves in our country's history. Not only is the story strong, but the illustrations are

amazing and make the story come alive! I highly recommend this book to all!\*I received a copy for review - all opinions are my own\*

This is a true story of men willing to risk their lives to save some runaway slaves who fled north to Oberlin, Ohio, via the Underground Railroad prior to the Civil War. It raises the issue of disobeying a law because your conscience tells you to do so and shows how a community worked together to save one man. The art work with its bleed-off-the-pages format is well suited and executed in this book. Hope Irvin Marston, author of SACKETS HARBOR POWDER MONKEY: THE WAR OF 1812

This is a touching true story of Oberlin, Ohio a town whose nearly entire population worked to help runaway slaves and stood tall against the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. My daughter and I had read numerous books on the Underground Railroad while covering pre-Civil War times, I don't know how this one was overlooked, but it's now one of my favorites that I would recommend it to elementary age students or older. Eric Velasquez stunning illustrations complement the story perfectly and showcase the time well.

We borrowed this book from the library and we read it aloud as a family. My children ranging in age from 7 to 13 were riveted. We had never heard of Oberlin's role in the Underground Railroad, but with the help of this book, we will never forget it. This book tells of the true story of the residents of Oberlin, Ohio and how they fought to save one man from being captured and returned to slavery. Excellent illustrations, complete with a historical photo of the rescuers who were tried and jailed. Truly an interesting read for ages elementary to adult. Highly recommended.

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