

The Tubman Command by Elizabeth Cobbs

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Elizabeth Cobbs in her The Tubman Command kept me reading nonstop for a day. I don't often read outside nonfiction but my long attraction to Harriet Tubman lured me to explore this work of love. Tubman's use of her vulnerabilities for the good of others has been like a flame to my moth instincts. Cobb shows signs of using whatever data on Tubman exists and carefully wraps her story around those facts in a way that makes the struggle for freedom intimate. In these days where people are being told to "go back to where you come from" this book is very timely. A quote from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin says it all: "Remain true to yourself, but move ever upward toward greater consciousness and greater love! At the summit you will find yourselves united with all those who, from every direction, have made the same ascent. For everything that rises must converge." Harriet "Moses" Tubman lived this truth. Elizabeth Cobbs invites us to reflect on how each of us is called (and enabled) to do the same.

