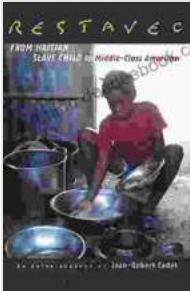


From Haitian Slave Child To Middle Class American: The Inspiring Story of Marie-Joseph Angelique



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Marie-Joseph Angélique (c. 1705 - 1734)

Angélique was a slave born in Portugal, who was owned by Thérèse de Couagne de Francheville in Montreal.

She was charged with causing a fire that destroyed Montreal's merchant quarters while attempting to flee. Angélique was found guilty without a jury, and was tortured and hanged.

Her story has become a symbol of freedom and resistance.

The life of Marie-Joseph Angélique is a testament to the indomitable spirit of humanity. Born into slavery in Saint-Domingue (present-day Haiti) in 1768, she faced unimaginable hardships and discrimination throughout her life. Yet, despite the challenges she encountered, Angélique rose above adversity to become a successful businesswoman, respected community leader, and an inspiration to countless others.

Angélique's journey began in the brutal world of slavery. As a child, she was torn away from her family and sold to a French plantation owner.

There, she endured years of backbreaking labor and cruel treatment. Despite her circumstances, Angelique's determination to survive and thrive never wavered.

In 1791, the Haitian Revolution erupted, and Angelique saw an opportunity to escape her bondage. She joined the rebellion, fighting alongside other slaves for their freedom. After the revolution succeeded in 1804, Angelique found herself in New Orleans, where she began a new chapter in her life.

With her newfound freedom, Angelique started a small business selling food and clothing. Through hard work and perseverance, she gradually built her business into a thriving enterprise. She also became an active member of the local Haitian community, providing support and guidance to other former slaves.

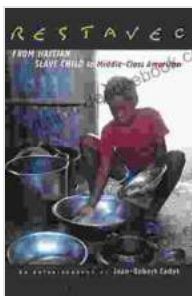
Angelique's success as a businesswoman and her involvement in the community earned her respect and admiration from both free and enslaved people. She became a prominent figure in New Orleans society, known for her intelligence, generosity, and unwavering determination.

However, despite her achievements, Angelique still faced discrimination and prejudice because of her race. In 1831, she was accused of setting fire to the city of New Orleans. Although there was no evidence against her, Angelique was found guilty and sentenced to hang.

The execution of Marie-Joseph Angelique shocked and outraged the community. Many people believed that she was innocent and had been unjustly targeted because of her race and status as a former slave. Her death became a symbol of the systemic racism that persisted in the United States despite the abolition of slavery.

Today, Marie-Joseph Angelique is remembered as a hero and an inspiration. Her story is a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. It is also a testament to the importance of fighting against injustice and discrimination, and of working towards a more just and equitable society.

Marie-Joseph Angelique's legacy continues to inspire new generations. She is a role model for all who have overcome adversity and a symbol of the power of the human spirit. Her story serves as a reminder that no matter how difficult the challenges we face, we can achieve great things if we never give up on our dreams.



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