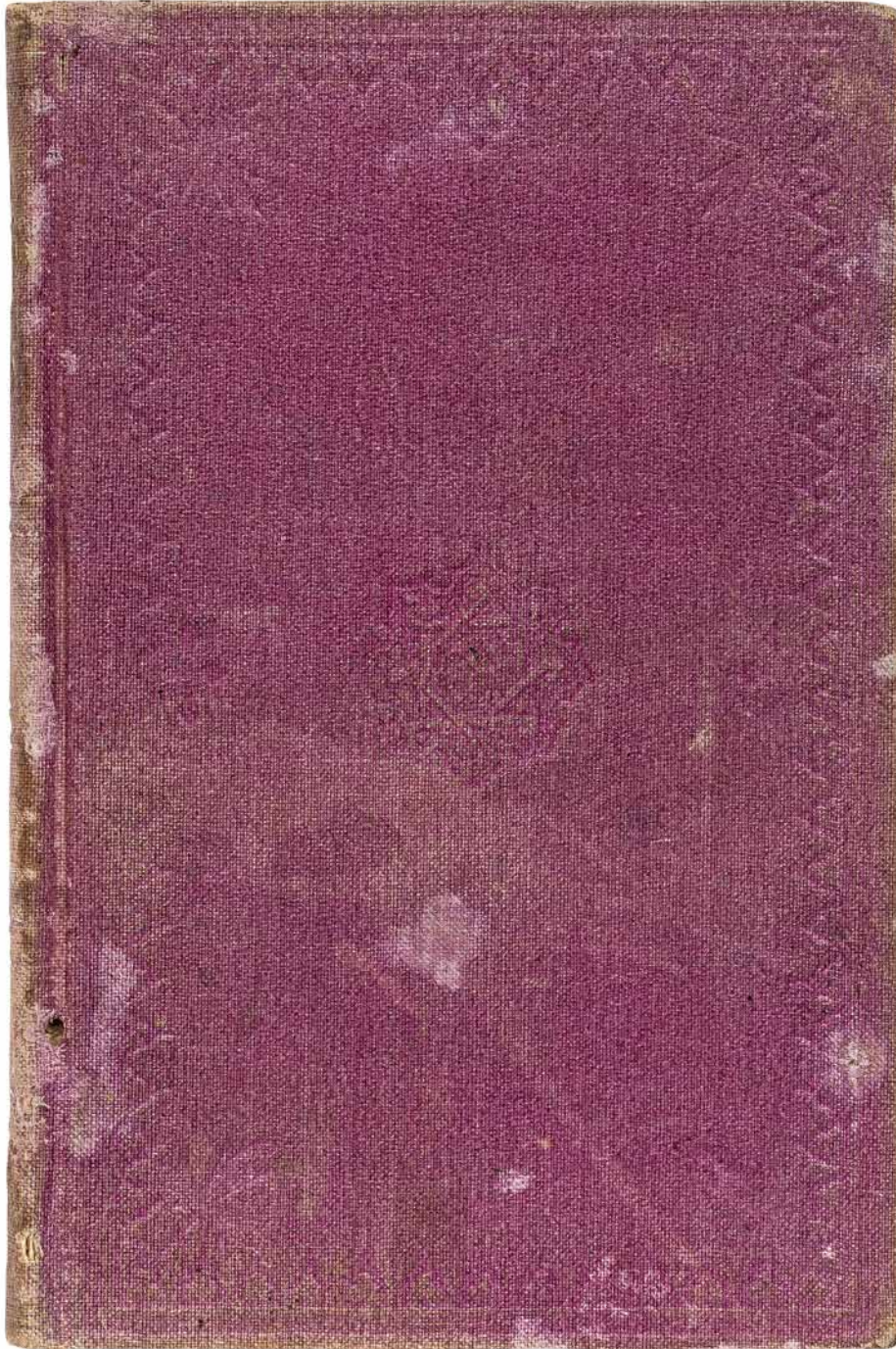


## *Harry: The Boy That Did Not Own Himself*

Boston: American Tract Society (1863)

\$2200



First edition. 12mo. 63pp.

Frontispiece illustration of a young black boy being kidnapped and one other of the black boy "Learning to Read" as issued. Purple cloth gilt. Tiny gift inscription dated in 1869, spine faded, spotting on the boards, scattered foxing and some ink smudges in the text, a sound, good copy of an anti-slavery tract, published by the Boston chapter of the American Tract Society, which broke with the New York chapter over their reluctance to address the evils of slavery in their tracts.

They published this little novel that follows Harry from his abduction by slave traders, to his escape to Canada as a young man. Harry asks a white schoolboy to help him read a store sign, and ascends to literacy and freedom. Unlike most American Tract Society publications, this one is rare. *OCCLC* locates no copies, although we did locate a single copy at the American Antiquarian Society. The only copy we've seen. Images follow. [\[BTC#437925\]](#)





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HARRY;

The Boy that did not own Himself.

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Yet thence bear down with brand and thong  
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This is the curse.

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