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## Review of *Before She was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome

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*Before She was Harriet*  
*Cline-Ransome, Lesa*  
*Illustrated by James E. Ransome*  
*New York: Holiday House, 2017*  
*9780823420476*

Harriet Tubman was a famous abolitionist. But she was so much more than that. Told through verse, this story backtracks to when Tubman was born as a slave named Araminta. Beautiful watercolor illustrations reflect Tubman's various stages of life. Readers will learn about America's past and Tubman's dedication to free people from slavery. Although revealing a painful chapter of history, children will benefit from Tubman's life story. This tale would greatly enhance any educational section of a library. Social studies teachers especially should consider adding this book to their collection.

**Highly Recommended. RaeAnn Jent, Centennial Library Intern**