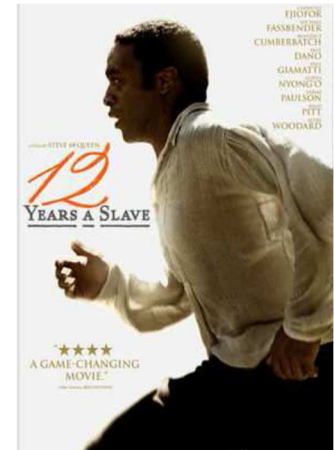


12 years a Slave

Director: Steve McQueen
2013 (129')



Based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom. In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northrup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty by a malevolent slave owner, as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the twelfth year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist will forever alter his life.

12 Years a Slave is easily the greatest feature film ever made about American slavery. The New Yorker

Stark, visceral and unrelenting, 12 Years a Slave is not just a great film but a necessary one. The Guardian

A document that is raw, eloquent, horrifying and essential. Time

McQueen and his stellar cast take us on a difficult journey, an odyssey that will make you want to avert your eyes. It is to their great credit that we don't. Movie Nation

Vocabulary and expressions:

Libation: Alcoholic drink.

He's had one too many libations.

To have satisfaction: To have reparation for an injustice.

I will have satisfaction for this wrong.

To be put to market: To be sold in the marketplace.

After we arrive we'll be put to market.

Heaps and piles of: Lots and lots of

There's heaps and piles of money to be made.

Prized livestock: Farm animal or animals of high value.

You are no better than prized livestock.

To be beaten with many stripes: To be beaten with a whip or stick so severely that the flesh is destroyed.

That nigger who don't obey his lord – that's his master don't you see – shall be beaten with many stripes.

What's the fuss?: What's the problem? What's wrong?

To smite: To destroy with great force.

It's a plague to smite me.

Fiddle: Violin

Mind yourself, Platt.: Take care of yourself, Platt.

A day of reckoning: A time of justice and a time when those who are guilty of crimes will be punished.

There will be a day of reckoning yet.

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