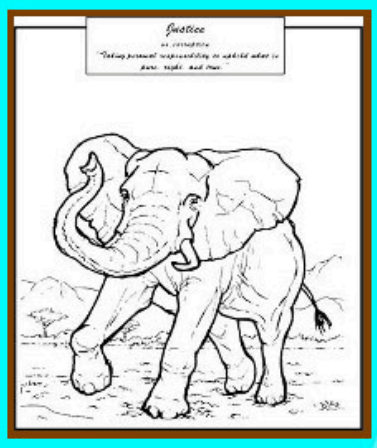

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"Harriet Beecher Stowe"

When Abraham Lincoln met Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1862, he said, "So you're the little woman who wrote the book that started this great [Civil] war!" After all, she was just a housewife and a mother. How could she have been responsible for the war?

First, we have to understand how she learned about justice. As a child, Harriet heard her father teach about principles. Many times, she heard him discuss the evils of slavery, which at that time was prevalent in the South. When they moved to Ohio, she began to meet slaves who had escaped and to talk with those who had seen slavery.

As Harriet began to realize that slaves' families were torn apart and family members shipped off to Southern plantations, she knew she must do something to stop it. Then her sister wrote a letter challenging her to write a book; she stood up and said, "I will write something!"

Her book was published in a series in the National Era magazine, then as a book. It became an international best-selling novel, selling over 300,000 copies the first year.

That book, Uncle Tom's Cabin, touched the conscience of the nation and called forth people in America to want to do what was right and to end slavery.

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