

Betty DeRamus FORBIDDEN FRUIT

Love Stories from the Underground Railroad

Performed by various narrators

"[These tales] are all riveting ... reminding readers what it means to be courageous enough to love 'in sickness and in health' ..."

—Publishers Weekly

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Betty DeRamus is an award-winning journalist who rummaged through dusty records and forgotten memoirs to resurrect this book's unsung heroes. Primarily a collection of untold love stories from the era of American slavery, *Forbidden Fruit* tells the heart-rending and inspiring tales of those willing to risk life and limb to rejoin their loved ones.

Despite the risks, some American slaves partook of the "forbidden fruit" of marriage. And when the dreaded separation inevitably occurred, slave spouses deeply felt a sorrowful anguish and sometimes made Herculean efforts to re-unite. DeRamus recounts these tales of soul mates who braved bloodhounds, bounty hunters, and bullets to preserve their vows of love.

This humanizing account of real individuals who persevered despite daunting obstacles is a must listen. The gripping narration makes these dramatic stories come alive and breathes life into flesh-and-blood champions of self-sacrificing love.

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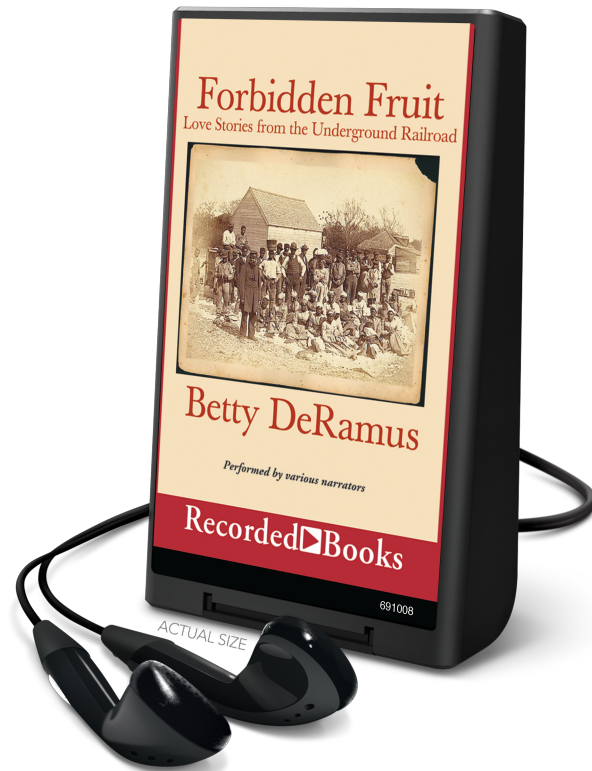
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