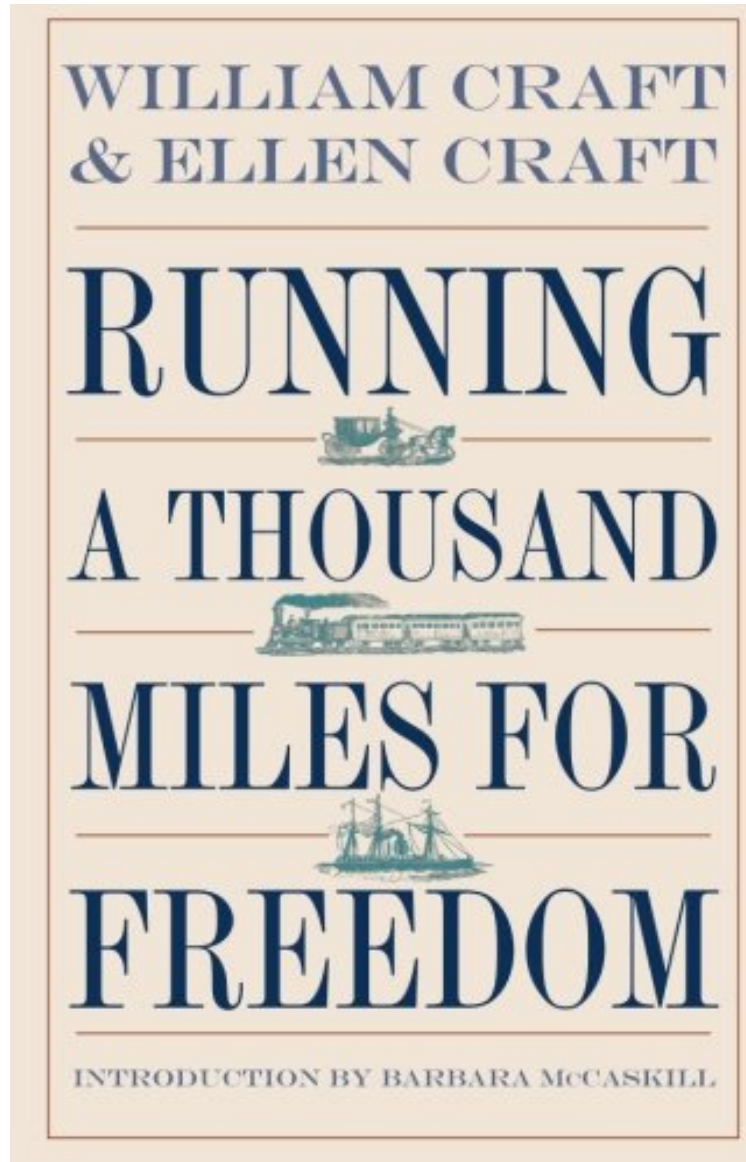


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Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom is the most significant fugitive slave narrative to come out of Georgia. I know of no other account that provides as riveting an account of an actual escape experience. It offers so much more in its treatment of gender and racial role-reversals, of husband-wife and master-slave relations, and of abolitionist activity on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line. (Georgia Historical Quarterly) About the Author William Craft (1821-1900) and Ellen Craft (1826-1891) returned to the United States after the Civil War. For the rest of their lives, often at great personal risk, they worked to improve conditions for African Americans in the South. Barbara McCaskill is an associate professor of English at the University of Georgia and a founding editor of the journal "Womanist Theory and Research."