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Geneviève Aminata

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'In its grand historical sweep
admirably in giving voice
people who were for so long kept mute'
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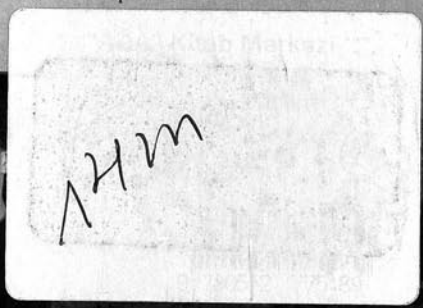
Abducted from her West African village at the age of eleven
and sold as a slave in the American South, Aminata Diallo
thinks only of freedom – and of finding her way home again.
After escaping the plantation, torn from her husband and
child, she passes through Manhattan in the chaos of the
Revolutionary War, is shipped to Nova Scotia, and then joins a
group of freed slaves on a harrowing return odyssey to Africa.

Lawrence Hill's epic novel, winner of the Commonwealth
Writers' Prize, spans three continents and six decades to bring
to life a dark and shameful chapter in our history through the
story of one brave and resourceful woman.

'A colossal achievement...heartrending yet inspiring'
Independent on Sunday

'The ebb and flow of Aminata's fortunes is gripping stuff, with
the horrors inflicted upon her and her people brought to life
almost matter-of-factly – and all the more enraging for that'
Daily Mail

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