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Editor's Introduction

Like the conference at the University at Albany, SUNY, that spawned it, this special issue of *Meridians* is an extraordinary event. Dr. Janell Hobson both organized the symposium and guest-edited this issue, which casts a new light on one of America's most well-known, heroic, and undertheorized icons: Harriet Tubman. Thanks to Dr. Hobson's skill and insight, Harriet Tubman—abolitionist, Union spy, women's suffragist, transnational activist, and philanthropist—will never be seen quite the same way again.

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