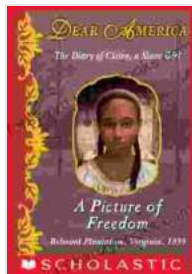


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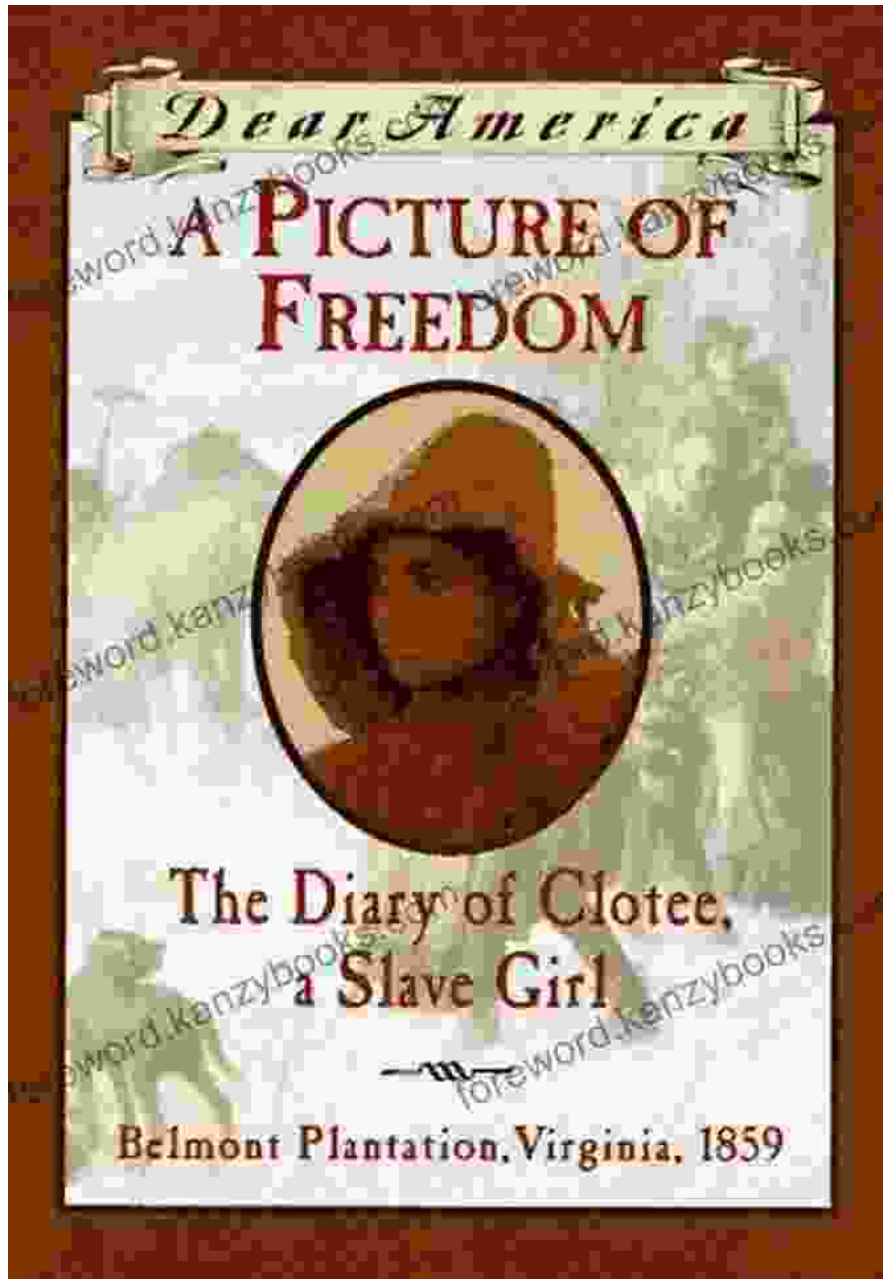
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### **About the Author**

Clotee was born into slavery on Belmont Plantation in Virginia in 1845. She began keeping a diary at the age of 14, and she continued to write in it until she escaped to freedom in 1863. Clotee's diary was discovered in an attic decades after the Civil War, and it was first published in 1998. Clotee's diary is a valuable historical document, and it offers a unique glimpse into the lives of enslaved people in the antebellum South.

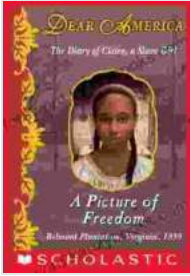
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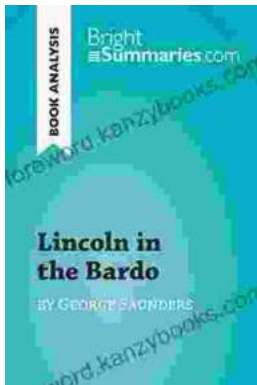
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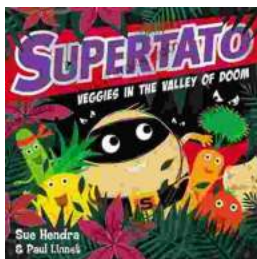
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