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## Wild about Harriet

After more than 60 years without any in-depth writing about the life of Harriet Tubman, three biographies, all by New Englanders, have recently been released. Here are snapshots of the three authors:



**Catherine Clinton, 51**  
Greenwich, Conn.



**Kate Clifford Larson, 45**  
Winchester



**Jean Humez, 59**  
Somerville

<b>When's the first time you remember being aware of Harriet Tubman?</b>	"I probably was a schoolchild growing up in Kansas City."	"I can't remember the first time. I do remember the first time I realized there wasn't a recent adult biography of her, and that was in '93. I was reading children's biographies to my kids. I wanted to read about her myself and I realized there wasn't one."	"Of course, I've always known about her from childhood, but the first time I became interested in working on her was a little over 10 years ago, when I taught a course at the Harvard Divinity School program in women's studies."
<b>What surprised you most in your research?</b>	"I found that from every nook and cranny I visited into cyberspace, her name would turn up."	"The amount of detail that is available in historical records about her life that hadn't been used before."	"How difficult it was to document the last 50 years of her life."
<b>Who'd be another good candidate for biography?</b>	"Susie King Taylor. She was an African-American woman who served with the Union Army in South Carolina."	"Mary Brown, John Brown's wife."	"Nothing's coming to mind."

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