

# Download Ben And The Emancipation Proclamation

He reads Lincoln's new emancipation proclamation aloud to other slaves and they burst out in cheers. Original review: This story is historic and inspirational for all readers. Its illustrations reflect on the emotions and tone of the story. Ben, a young slave, uses every chance he gets to teach himself to read, practicing with the words he sees on street signs and in shop windows and even in cast-off newspapers he finds in the gutter. But after the Civil War breaks out, his master leaves town and Ben finds himself in a slave prison. Ben is soon separated from his mother when he is apprenticed (a form of leasing) to the Bleekers of Charleston, who run a tailoring shop. Ben does all sorts of chores, including errands to and from the store for Mrs. Bleeker. It is during these excursions that he memorizes words and letters and teaches himself to read. Get this from a library! Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation. [Patrice Sherman; Floyd Cooper] -- Young Benjamin Holmes, a slave in Charleston who has taught himself to read, reads Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to his fellow slaves in prison.