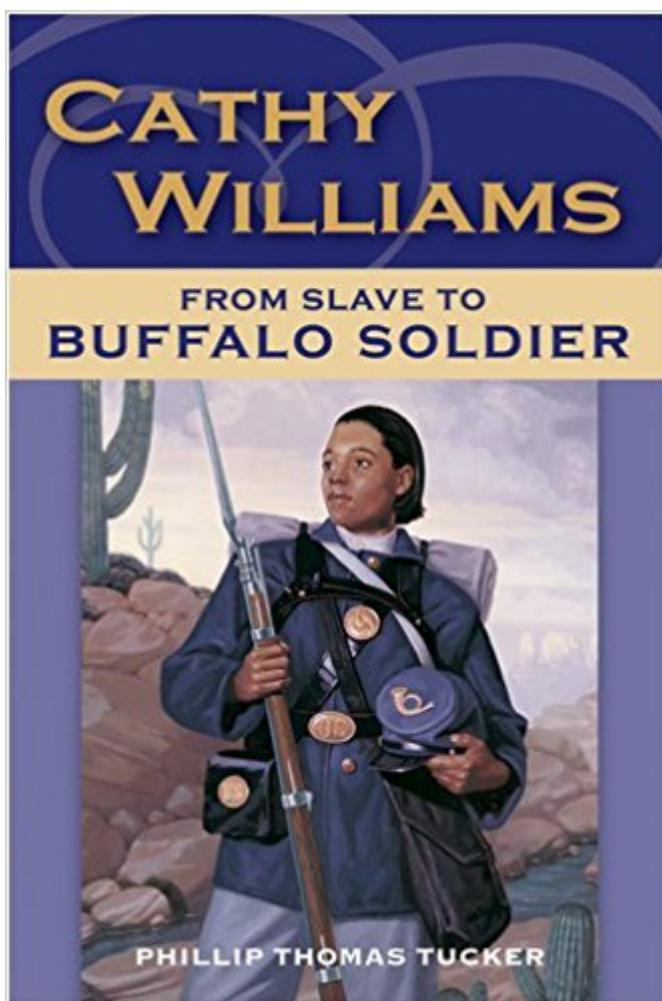


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# Cathy Williams: From Slave To Buffalo Soldier



## **Synopsis**

Now available in paperback Women in the United States military have received more recognition than ever in recent years, but women also played vital roles in battles and campaigns of previous generations. Cathy Williams served as Pvt. William Cathay from 1866 to 1868 with the famed Buffalo Soldiers who patrolled the 900-mile Santa Fe Trail. Tucker traces her life from her birth as a slave near Independence, Missouri, to her service in Company A, 38th U.S. Infantry, one of the six black units formed following the Civil War. Cathy Williams remains the only known African American woman to have served as a Buffalo Soldier in the Indian Wars. Her remarkable story continues to represent a triumph of the human spirit.

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The prize-winning author of *The Confederacy's Fighting Chaplain* here tells the remarkable tale of Pvt. William Cathay of Company A, 38th U.S. Infantry, who in fact was a big-boned, 5' 7" black woman named Cathy Williams. Tracing Williams through often-spotty records from her birth as a slave near Independence, MO, to her final days as a businesswoman in Trinidad, CO, Tucker extends the narrative to include broad perspectives, sweeping from a West African background to the expanse of the post-Civil War West. He focuses on Williams's service from 1866 to 1868 with the famed Buffalo Soldiers as they patrolled the historic 900-mile Santa Fe Trail. Tucker casts Williams as an inspirational champion against the odds in a feminine Horatio Alger story, brimming with testaments to personal initiative, desire to succeed, strength, and resiliency. He also touts the

Buffalo Soldiers' roles as guardians of the frontier on the vanguard of Western development. A unique story of gender and race, time and place, Tucker's work is a recommended read that reaches across categories, from American, African American, and military history to Western and women's history. Thomas J. Davis, Arizona State Univ., TempeCopyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I was not aware of Cathy Williams until I heard gentleman who reenact the story of the Buffalo Soldiers. They shared some of her story but I wanted to know more. I found this book and it is excellent. It not only deals with Ms. William's life but also about the other women who posed as male soldiers. The author did a tremendous amount of research. This is a must read for any person who enjoys Women's Studies, Amercian History and/or the Civil war. her story would make an incredible movie!

Every one should read this book in order to know their history. I found it is so many people,even people of color never knew it was an African American the only female to service in the Buffalo Soldiers. This is why I'm the President/Founder of Cathy Williams Buffalo Soldier Regiment,Inc of Las Vegas ,to keep her legacy alive. The book is very good all our members has to read it so they will be able to tell the story.

Lousy book read the description here and you'll learn as much about Cathy as this book will tell you. Save your money.

Great addition to my collection!

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Great book!

I am thoroughly thrilled by the fact that there was a female Buffalo Soldier. I couldn't have been happier when I learned of this book.I was not taught this in school and especially not anything about

a Black woman.

I bought this book at the Fort Concho Tx Museum book shop. I always buy a book relative to the site or period of history when visiting historical museums and have a library full. This was the worst ever. I thought it was poorly written. The author seems more interested in reminding readers every page about the miserable plight of slavery and in particular, women slaves. I get that. But seriously. It is full of the authors "most likely", "probably", "could be" statements. If this were the only book you ever read about the Army of the West, or the Indian Wars you would think all the "white" soldiers lived a life of luxury while the black soldiers were given all the task of menial drudgery. Life was hard then for everybody. Everybody worked in poor conditions, ate poorly and worked hard. As a previous reviewer said. Read the title, title and back cover and you know the story. The pages inside the covers are a waste of time.

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