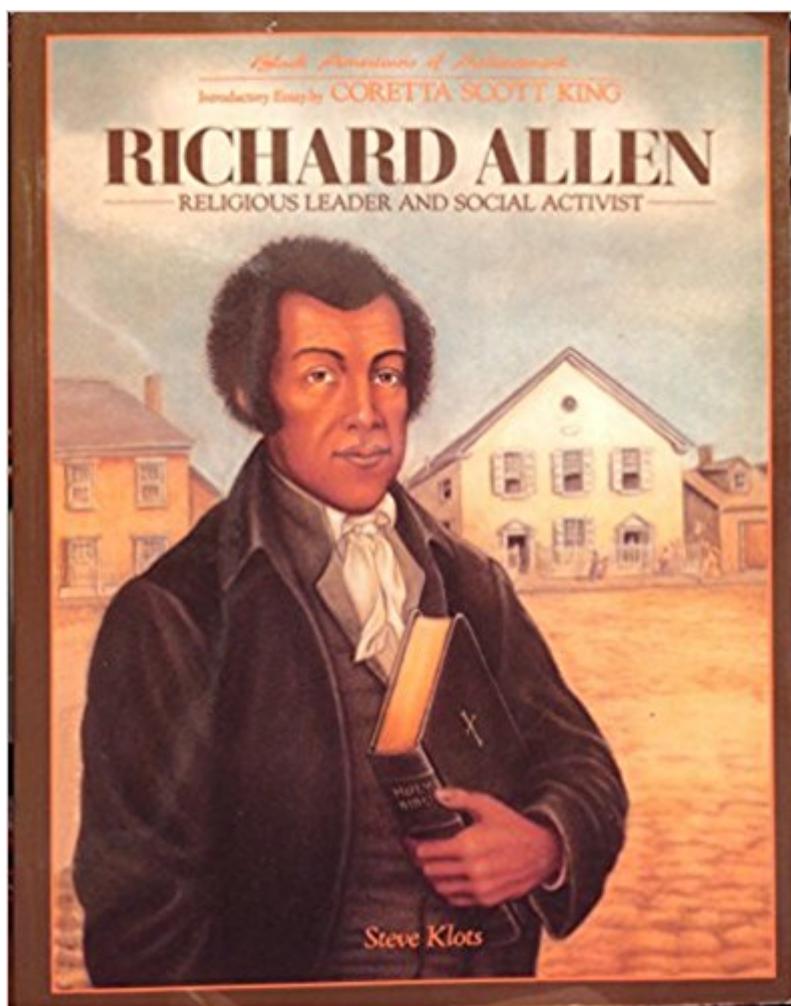


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# Richard Allen (Baa)(Oop) (Black Americans Of Achievement)



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Describes the life of the Afro-American leader who rose from slavery to become a minister, founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and participated in the first National Negro Convention.

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Having been raised at Tanner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Phoenix, Arizona, I grew up knowing about the great Rev. Richard Allen, the founder of the AME Church. However, I did not know many of the struggles and accomplishments of Rev. Allen's life. If you are

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