



Inspired by an actual 1830s lithograph, this beautifully crafted picture book briefly relates the story of Henry "Box" Brown's daring escape from slavery. Torn from his mother as a child, and then forcibly separated from his wife and children as an adult, a heartsick and desperate Brown successfully traveled north to Philadelphia in a packing crate, a box. His journey took just over one full day, during which he was often sideways or

upside down in a wooden crate large enough to hold him, but small enough not to betray its contents. The story ends with a re-imagining of the lithograph that inspired it, in which Henry Brown emerges from his unhappy confinement in every sense of the word and smiles upon his arrival in a comfortable Pennsylvania parlor.