

*The Story of My Life and Work*

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*The Story of My Life and Work* appeared in three revised editions, in the spring of 1901, the fall of 1901, and 1915. The first revision, after the sale of 25,000 copies, altered the original version in two major respects. It included new material written by T. Thomas Fortune, to fill in blank pages at the end of eight chapters. Most of this material was of a reflective or philosophical rather than factual nature. The first revision also changed the order of the final chapters, ending with the one entitled "Looking Backward." The second revision, in the fall of 1901, added an index, two additional illustrations, and a chapter on the National Negro Business League. The third revision, in 1915 soon after Washington's death, included an account by Albon L. Holsey of Washington's life from 1900 to 1915.

The present edition includes the chapter on the National Negro Business League from the second revision, and follows the first revision in ending the volume more logically with the chapter "Looking Backward."