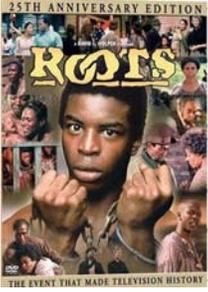


Roots Episode Guide



DISC 1, Side A

Episode 1 (1:00) Original Air Date: 23 Jan 77: In Gambia, West Africa, Kunta Kinte, son of Omoro and Binta, distinguishes himself in manhood training rituals. But he does not enjoy his status long; slave traders sweeping the countryside seize him. Chained with other captives, Kunta begins an agonized odyssey to the New World.

DISC 1, Side B

Episode 2 (1:00): Despite a violent rebellion, the slave ship Lord Ligonier completes the voyage and Kunta Kinte endures the indignity of an Annapolis slave auction. Fiddler, the slave in charge of Kunta's training, becomes his only friend—a friendship that's tested when Kunta plans an escape so he can be with Fanta.

DISC 2, Side A

Episode 3 (1:00): In 1776, a nation fights for freedom... but not for all. Kunta Kinte escapes again and is crippled by slave catchers. He marries, gains a daughter and loses his long-time friend Fiddler. Another chance for escape arises, but Kunta sacrifices it to care for his wife and the newborn he names Kizzy, an African word for "stay put."

DISC 2, Side B

Episode 4 (1:00): At age 16, Kizzy is sold and bears her new master's son, who grows up to become fun-loving Chicken George. Yearning to see her parents, Kizzy is comforted by Samuel Bennett, but they are ill-matched. When she returns to her birthplace, Kizzy learns of her parents' fates.

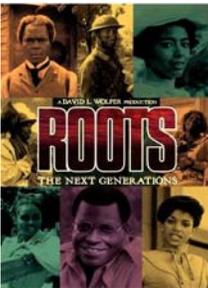
DISC 3, Side A

Episode 5 (1:00): Chicken George is sent to England as payment for his owner's gambling debt. Fourteen years later, he returns a free man, a status that has a profound effect on the family begun by Kunta Kinte. The Civil War erupts; at last the era of slavery draws to an end.

DISC 3, Side B

Episode 6 (1:00): The Civil War is over but night riders terrorize ex-slaves. By marking his clients' horseshoes, Tom identifies the raiders, but endangers his own life. Chicken George, who fought for the Union, rejoins his family. He leads them to a new home in Tennessee.

THE NEXT GENERATIONS



DISC 1, Side A

Episode 1 (1:41) Original Air Date: 25 Feb 79: Henning, TN, 1882. Kunta Kinte's progeny live free, although the family isn't treated equally. Jim Crow laws are on the rise. Tom Harvey, now the family head, has opened a school and is pressed by ex-Confederate Colonel Warner to close it when Warner's son falls in love with the schoolmarm. But Tom knows education can help break the chains of second-class citizenship.

DISC 1, Side B

Episode 2 (1:39): 1896. "I is a free man!" Tom thunders, yet threats to freedom abound. An unfair literacy test impedes Tom's right to vote, and hard-luck Lee Garnet is murdered and an "example" to others. The courtship of Tom's daughter Cynthia and Will Palmer is a tender counterpoint to the violence. Their first child, Bertha George, will become the mother of Alex Haley.

DISC 2, Side A

Episode 3 (1:37): 1914. As Henning grows, so does the lumber company run by Will. He sends his daughter to Lane College, where she meets her future husband, poor sharecropper's son Simon Haley. Simon works on a Pullman to earn college money, learning the ropes from longtime porter Dad Jones. When America enter "the war to end all wars," Simon enlists.

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Episode 4 (1:40): Institutionalized military bias shackles America's World War I black troops. Simon fights in France with the 92nd Infantry, Colored. He returns to marry Bertha; their first child is Alexander Murray Palmer Haley.

DISC 3, Side A

Episode 5 (1:37): 1932. The influences that shape young Alex Haley come into focus. Grandfather Will shows him the section of California Redwood charting the family history. Now a professor, Simon emphasizes education. When cousins Georgia and others recount stories of Africa, Alex listens intently. But it is also a time of loss: Bertha dies at a young age.

DISC 3, Side B

Episode 6 (1:39): Restless Alex leaves college and enrolls in the Coast Guard. During World War II service in the Pacific, he discovers his gift for writing and decides to make journalism his livelihood. His single-minded career pursuit costs him his marriage to Nan.

DISC 4, Side A

Episode 7 (1:41): "We don't need no X," Cousin Georgia says. "We knows our name: Kinte." The return refers to Malcolm X, who substitutes the letter for his unknown African name. Alex wins the controversial leader's trust and later collaborates on *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. Alex also draws top journalistic assignments, including a tense interview with American Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell. Then Alex begins a 12-year quest to confirm his family's story.

ALEX HALEY'S *QUEEN*—THE *ROOTS* SAGA CONTINUES



Disc 1 Episode 1 (1:34) Original Air Date: 14 Feb 93: The first episode develops the relationship between James Jackson III, a rich plantation owner's son and Easter, a slave. James marries a wealthy Southern lady, but he carries on with a lifelong affair with Easter, which will result in the birth of a girl, Queen. Queen's fair skin makes her soon notice that she is not as black as her fellow slaves. She is taken into the main plantation house to be the personal slave of James' daughter, where she spends her youth years trying to discern if Jackson is her real father. The Civil War seriously affects James' plantation putting an end to the old ways and the family matriarch tells Queen to find some other place to live.

Episode 2 (1:31) Original Air Date: 21 Feb 93: Queen journeys away from the plantation and discovers the delight of passing for white. However, when she is about to marry an ex Confederate soldier named Digby, she reveals her real roots and therefore faces his extreme anger. Abused and alone, Queen is forced into exile once more. Eventually, she gets employment at the home of two spinsters and starts a relationship with a black hired hand by the name Davis, shortly afterwards becoming pregnant of his child. Abandoned by the father and abused by the ladies, Queen escapes the relative comforts of her employers' home, taking her child with her.

Disc 2 Episode 3 (1:35) Original Air Date: 28 Feb 93: Reunited with Davis, the father of his son, Queen finds love but also hate as the man is lynched. Taking the road once more, Queen finds a new job and meets Alec Haley, who will become his husband and the father of her second son, Simon. Though Queen never finds an answer to her quest for belonging, she is at least moderately at peace with the place in which she finds herself. A household fire seems to be the triggering event that together with her sons' departure, causes Queen's nervous breakdown. She has serious issues seeing her first son Abner depart, and her mental state goes worse to the point that she needs to be institutionalized.