

## ILYON WOO

*“Master Slave Husband Wife tells one of the most important stories of American slavery and freedom. With prose that is suspenseful, brilliantly detailed, historically precise, and simply gorgeous, Woo depicts the Crafts and their historic role in antebellum America stunningly. This is a story that will stay with you for a lifetime.” —Imani Perry*

**Ilyon Woo is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom*, which won the 2024 Pulitzer Prize in Biography. She has received support for her research from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Antiquarian Society, among other institutions.**

*Time Magazine* called *Master Slave Husband Wife* an “edge-of-your-seat drama”; *The Wall Street Journal* pronounced it: “A narrative of such courage and resourcefulness it seems too dashing to be true.... a ‘genuine nail-biter.’” It was one of the *New York Times*’s “10 Best Books of 2023” and *People Magazine*’s “Top Ten Books of 2023,” also named a best book of the year by *The New Yorker*, *Time*, NPR, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Boston*, *Chicago Public Library*, and *Oprah Daily*. A finalist for a Kirkus Prize, the book was long-listed for the Carnegie Medal, nominated for the Goodreads Choice Awards, and supported by a Whiting Creative Nonfiction Writing Grant.

Ilyon is also the author of *The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother’s Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times*. Her writing has appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time Magazine*, and *The New York Times*.

Ilyon has traveled the country to speak at bookstores, museums, schools, and book festivals, and she has been featured on such programs as NPR’s *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *CBS Sunday Morning*. She holds a BA in the Humanities from Yale College and a PhD in English from Columbia University.