



**BOOKER T. WASHINGTON** was the most influential African-American leader of his time. Born a slave, he rose above his circumstances to become a famous educator, and the founder of the historic Tuskegee University in Alabama. He was the best-selling author of his autobiography, *Up from Slavery*, which was translated into over 17 languages, and has never been out of print. He was advisor to presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft. And he was the first African-American to be commemorated on a U.S. fifty-cent coin, and a U.S. postage stamp. He was also the first African-American invited to dine at the White House.