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Roll, Jordan, Roll-Eugene D. Genovese 2011-02-09 A testament to the power of the human spirit under conditions of extreme oppression, this landmark history of slavery in the South challenged conventional views by illuminating the many forms of resistance to dehumanization that developed in slave society. Displaying keen insight into the minds of both enslaved persons and slaveholders, historian Eugene Genovese investigates the ways that enslaved persons forced their owners to acknowledge their humanity through culture, music, and religion. He covers a vast range of subjects, from slave weddings and funerals, to language, food, clothing, and labor, and places particular emphasis on religion as both a major battleground for psychological control and a paradoxical source of spiritual strength. A winner of the Bancroft Prize.


Roll, Jordan, Roll-Cheryl Hudson 2017-07-05 Most studies of slavery are underpinned by ideology and idealism. Eugene Genovese's ground-breaking book takes a stand against both these influences, arguing not only that all ideological history is bad history - a remarkable statement, coming from a self-professed Marxist - but also that slavery itself can only be understood if master and slave are studied together, rather than separately. Genovese's most important insight, which makes this book a fine example of the critical thinking skill of problem-solving, is that the best way to view the institution of American slavery is to understand why exactly it was structured as it was. He saw slavery as a process of continual renegotiation of power balances, as masters strove to extract the maximum work from their slaves, while slaves aimed to obtain acknowledgement of their humanity and the ability to shape elements of the world that they were forced to live in. Genovese's thesis is not wholly original; he adapts Gramsci's notion of hegemony to re-interpret the master-slave relationship - but it is an important example of the benefits of asking productive new questions about topics that seem, superficially at least, to be entirely obvious. By focusing on slave culture, rather than producing another study of economic determinism, this massive study succeeds in reconceptualising an institution in an exciting new way.

The World the Slaveholders Made-Eugene D. Genovese 1988-03 A seminal and original work that delves deeply into what slaveholders
thought.

Roll, Jordan, Roll-Eugene Dominick Genovese 1972


The Southern Tradition-Eugene D. Genovese 1994 As much a work of political and moral philosophy as one of history, The Southern Tradition offers an in-depth look at the tenets and attitudes of the Southern-conservative worldview. Opening a powerful new perspective on today’s politics, Eugene D. Genovese traces a distinct type of conservatism to its sources in Southern tradition.

Slavery in White and Black-Elizabeth Fox-Genovese 2008-10-27 Southern slaveholders proudly pronounced themselves orthodox Christians, who accepted responsibility for the welfare of the people who worked for them. They proclaimed that their slaves enjoyed a better and more secure life than any laboring class in the world. Now, did it not follow that the lives of laborers of all races across the world would be immeasurably improved by their enslavement? In the Old South but in no other slave society a doctrine emerged among leading clergymen, politicians, and intellectuals— "Slavery in the Abstract," which declared enslavement the best possible condition for all labor regardless of race. They joined the Socialists, whom they studied, in believing that the free-labor system, wracked by worsening class warfare, was collapsing. A vital question: to what extent did the people of the several social classes of the South accept so extreme a doctrine? That question lies at the heart of this book.


Slave Songs of the United States-William Francis Allen 1996 Originally published in 1867, this book is a collection of songs of African-American slaves. A few of the songs were written after the emancipation, but all were inspired by slavery. The wild, sad strains tell, as the sufferers themselves could, of crushed hopes, keen sorrow, and a dull, daily misery, which covered them as hopelessly as the fog from the rice swamps. On the other hand, the words breathe a trusting faith in the life after, to which their eyes seem constantly turned.

Roll, Jordan Roll-Julian Ernest Choate 1968

The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925-Herbert George Gutman 1977 An exhaustively researched history of black families in America from the days of slavery until just after the Civil War.

A Consuming Fire-Eugene D. Genovese 2011-03-15 The fall of the Confederacy proved traumatic for a people who fought with the belief that God was on their side. Yet, as Eugene D. Genovese writes in A Consuming Fire, Southern Christians continued to trust in the Lord's will. The churches had long defended "southern rights" and insisted upon the divine sanction for slavery, but they also warned that God was testing His people, who must bring slavery up to biblical standards or face the wrath of an angry God. In the eyes of proslavery theorists, clerical and lay, social relations and material conditions affected the extent and pace of the spread of the Gospel and men’s preparation to receive it. For proslavery spokesmen, "Christian slavery" offered the South, indeed the world, the best hope for the vital work of preparation for the Kingdom, but they acknowledged that, from a Christian point of view, the slavery practiced in the South left much to be desired. For them, the struggle to reform, or rather transform, social relations was nothing less than a struggle to justify the trust God placed in them when He sanctioned slavery. The reform campaign of prominent ministers and church laymen featured demands to secure slave marriages and family life, repeal the laws against slave literacy, and punish cruel
masters. A Consuming Fire analyzes the strength, weakness, and failure of
the struggle for reform and the nature and significance of southern
Christian orthodoxy and its vision of a proper social order, class structure,
and race relations.

The Sweetness of Life-Eugene D. Genovese 2017-10-05 This book
examines the home and leisure life of planters in the antebellum American
South. Based on a lifetime of research by the late Eugene Genovese
(1930–2012), with an introduction and epilogue by Douglas Ambrose, The
Sweetness of Life presents a penetrating study of slaveholders and their
families in both intimate and domestic settings: at home; attending the
theatre; going on vacations to spas and springs; throwing parties; hunting;
gambling; drinking and entertaining guests, completing a comprehensive
portrait of the slaveholders and the world that they built with slaves.
Genovese subtly but powerfully demonstrates how much politics,
economics, and religion shaped, informed, and made possible these leisure
activities. A fascinating investigation of a little-studied aspect of planter life,
The Sweetness of Life broadens our understanding of the world that the
slaveholders and their slaves made; a tragic world of both 'sweetness' and
slavery.

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EUGENE R. GENOVESE.-Eugene D. Genovese 1974

From Rebellion to Revolution-Eugene D. Genovese 1992-01-01 In one of
his most important books, the renowned historian Eugene D. Genovese
examines slave revolts in the United States, the Caribbean, and Brazil,
placing them in the context of modern world history. By studying the
conditions that favored these revolts and the history of slave guerrilla
warfare throughout the Western Hemisphere, he connects the ideology of
the revolts to the ideology of the great revolutionary movements of the late
eighteenth century. Genovese finds that the slave rebellion in Saint-
Domingué, led by Toussaint L’Ouverture, constituted a turning point in the
history of the slave revolts and, indeed, in the history of the human spirit.

By claiming for his enslaved brothers and sisters the same right to human
dignity that the French bourgeoisie claimed for itself during the French
Revolution, Toussaint began the process by which slave uprisings changed
from secessionist rebellions to revolutionary demands for liberty, equality,
and justice.

Fatal Self-Deception-Eugene D. Genovese 2011-10-24 Slaveholders were
preoccupied with presenting slavery as a benign, paternalistic institution in
which the planter took care of his family and slaves were content with their
fate. In this book, Eugene D. Genovese and Elizabeth Fox-Genovese discuss
how slaveholders perpetuated and rationalized this romanticized version of
life on the plantation. Slaveholders' paternalism had little to do with
ostensible benevolence, kindness and good cheer. It grew out of the
necessity to discipline and morally justify a system of exploitation. At the
same time, this book also advocates the examination of masters' relations
with white plantation laborers and servants - a largely unstudied subject.
Southerners drew on the work of British and European socialists to
conclude that all labor, white and black, suffered de facto slavery, and they
championed the South's 'Christian slavery' as the most humane and
compassionate of social systems, ancient and modern.

Slavery, Secession, and Southern History-Publius Virgilius Rogers
Professor of American History Robert L Paquette 2000 Presents essays that
examine the philosophical and socioeconomic issues of slavery, such as the
impact that slavery had on secession, the nature of relations between
master and slave, and the effect the Civil War had on race relations.

Within the Plantation Household-Elizabeth Fox-Genovese 2000-11-09
Documenting the difficult class relations between women slaveholders and
slave women, this study shows how class and race as well as gender shaped
women’s experiences and determined their identities. Drawing upon
massive research in diaries, letters, memoirs, and oral histories, the author
argues that the lives of antebellum southern women, enslaved and free,
differed fundamentally from those of northern women and that it is not
possible to understand antebellum southern women by applying models derived from New England sources.

**Life in Black and White**-Brenda E. Stevenson 1997-11-06 Life in the old South has always fascinated Americans—whether in the mythical portrayals of the planter elite from fiction such as Gone With the Wind or in historical studies that look inside the slave cabin. Now Brenda E. Stevenson presents a reality far more gripping than popular legend, even as she challenges the conventional wisdom of academic historians. Life in Black and White provides a panoramic portrait of family and community life in and around Loudoun County, Virginia—weaving the fascinating personal stories of planters and slaves, of free blacks and poor-to-middling whites, into a powerful portrait of southern society from the mid-eighteenth century to the Civil War. Loudoun County and its vicinity encapsulated the full sweep of southern life. Here the region’s most illustrious families—the Lees, Masons, Carters, Monroes, and Peytons—helped forge southern traditions and attitudes that became characteristic of the entire region while mingling with yeoman farmers of German, Scotch-Irish, and Irish descent, and free black families who lived alongside abolitionist Quakers and thousands of slaves. Stevenson brilliantly recounts their stories as she builds the complex picture of their intertwined lives, revealing how their combined histories guaranteed Loudon’s role in important state, regional, and national events and controversies. Both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, for example, were hidden at a local plantation during the War of 1812. James Monroe wrote his famous "Doctrine" at his Loudon estate. The area also was the birthplace of celebrated fugitive slave Daniel Dangerfield, the home of John Janney, chairman of the Virginia secession convention, a center for Underground Railroad activities, and the location of John Brown’s infamous 1859 raid at Harpers Ferry. In exploring the central role of the family, Brenda Stevenson offers a wealth of insight: we look into the lives of upper class women, who bore the oppressive weight of marriage and motherhood as practiced in the South and the equally burdensome roles of their husbands whose honor was tied to their ability to support and lead regardless of their personal preference; the yeoman farm family’s struggle for respectability; and the marginal economic existence of free blacks and its undermining influence on their family life. Most important, Stevenson breaks new ground in her depiction of slave family life. Following the lead of historian Herbert Gutman, most scholars have accepted the idea that, like white, slaves embraced the nuclear family, both as a living reality and an ideal. Stevenson destroys this notion, showing that the harsh realities of slavery, even for those who belonged to such attentive masters as George Washington, allowed little possibility of a nuclear family. Far more important were extended kin networks and female headed households. Meticulously researched, insightful, and moving, Life in Black and White offers our most detailed portrait yet of the reality of southern life. It forever changes our understanding of family and race relations during the reign of the peculiar institution in the American South.

**In Red and Black**-Eugene D. Genovese 1977

**Politics and Power in a Slave Society**-J. Mills Thornton 2014-11-20 More than three decades after its initial publication, J. Mills Thornton’s Politics and Power in a Slave Society remains the definitive study of political culture in antebellum Alabama. Controversial when it first appeared, the book argues against a view of prewar Alabama as an aristocratic society governed by a planter elite. Instead, Thornton claims that Alabama was an aggressively democratic state, and that this very egalitarianism set the stage for secession. White Alabamians had first-hand experiences with slavery, and these encounters warned them to guard against the imposition of economic or social reforms that might limit their equality. Playing upon their fears, the leaders of the southern rights movement warned that national consolidation presented the danger that fanatic northern reformers would force alien values upon Alabama and its residents. These threats gained traction when national reforms of the 1850s gave state government a more active role in the everyday life of Alabama citizens; and ambitious young politicians were able to carry the state into secession in 1861. Politics and Power in a Slave Society continues to inspire scholars by challenging one of the fundamental articles of the American creed: that democracy intrinsically produces good. Contrary to our conventional wisdom, slavery was not an un-American institution, but rather coexisted with and supported the democratic beliefs of white Alabama.
Many Thousands Gone - Ira Berlin 2009-07 Today most Americans, black and white, identify slavery with cotton, the deep South, and the African-American church. But at the beginning of the nineteenth century, after almost two hundred years of African-American life in mainland North America, few slaves grew cotton, lived in the deep South, or embraced Christianity. Many Thousands Gone traces the evolution of black society from the first arrivals in the early seventeenth century through the Revolution. In telling their story, Ira Berlin, a leading historian of southern and African-American life, reintegrates slaves into the history of the American working class and into the tapestry of our nation. Laboring as field hands on tobacco and rice plantations, as skilled artisans in port cities, or soldiers along the frontier, generation after generation of African Americans struggled to create a world of their own in circumstances not of their own making. In a panoramic view that stretches from the North to the Chesapeake Bay and Carolina lowcountry to the Mississippi Valley, Many Thousands Gone reveals the diverse forms that slavery and freedom assumed before cotton was king. We witness the transformation that occurred as the first generations of creole slaves—who worked alongside their owners, free blacks, and indentured whites—gave way to the plantation generations, whose back-breaking labor was the sole engine of their society and whose physical and linguistic isolation sustained African traditions on American soil. As the nature of the slaves' labor changed with place and time, so did the relationship between slave and master, and between slave and society. In this fresh and vivid interpretation, Berlin demonstrates that the meaning of slavery and of race itself was continually renegotiated and redefined, as the nation lurched toward political and economic independence and grappled with the Enlightenment ideals that had inspired its birth.

No More, No More - Daniel E. Walker 2004 However urban slave societies might have differed from their rural counterparts, they still relied on a concerted assault on the psychological, social, and cultural identity of their African-descended inhabitants to maintain power and control. This ambitious book looks at how people of African descent in two such societies—Havana and New Orleans in the nineteenth century—created and maintained their own forms of cultural resistance to the slave regime’s assault and, in the process, put forth autonomous views of sell and the social landscape. In Havana's annual Dia de Reyes festival and in the weekly activities that took place at New Orleans's Congo Square, author Daniel Walker identifies specific cultural beliefs and activities that Africans brought to the New World and modified in order to withstand and contest the dehumanizing effects of oppression. "No More, No More crosses disciplinary boundaries as well, elucidating the economic, social, cultural, and demographic operations at work in two cities and the wide-scale efforts at cultural resistance embodied in public performances.

The Mind of the Master Class - Elizabeth Fox-Genovese 2005-10-17 The Mind of the Master Class tells of America's greatest historical tragedy. It presents the slaveholders as men and women, a great many of whom were intelligent, honorable, and pious. It asks how people who were admirable in so many ways could have presided over a social system that proved itself an enormity and inflicted horrors on their slaves. The South had formidable proslavery intellectuals who participated fully in transatlantic debates and boldly challenged an ascendant capitalist ('free-labor') society. Blending classical and Christian traditions, they forged a moral and political philosophy designed to sustain conservative principles in history, political economy, social theory, and theology, while translating them into political action. Even those who judge their way of life most harshly have much to learn from their probing moral and political reflections on their times - and ours - beginning with the virtues and failings of their own society and culture.

The Ruling Race - James Oakes 2013-04-17 This pathbreaking social history of the slaveholding South marks a turn in our understanding of antebellum America and the coming of the Civil War. Oakes's bracing analysis breaks the myth that slaveholders were a paternalistic aristocracy dedicated to the values of honor, race, and section. Instead they emerge as having much in common with their entrepreneurial counterparts in the North: they were committed to free-market commercialism and political democracy for white males. The Civil War was not an inevitable conflict between civilizations on different paths but the crack-up of a single system, the result of people and events.
The National Archives and Urban Research - Jerome Finster 1974

Slavery and the Numbers Game - Herbert George Gutman 2003
This detailed analysis of slavery in the antebellum South was written in 1975 in response to the prior year's publication of Robert Fogel and Stanley Engerman's controversial Time on the Cross, which argued that slavery was an efficient and dynamic engine for the southern economy and that its success was due largely to the willing cooperation of the slaves themselves. Noted labor historian Herbert G. Gutman was unconvinced, even outraged, by Fogel and Engerman's arguments. In this book he offers a systematic dissection of Time on the Cross, drawing on a wealth of data to contest that book's most fundamental assertions. A benchmark work of historical inquiry, Gutman's critique sheds light on a range of crucial aspects of slavery and its economic effectiveness. Gutman emphasizes the slaves' responses to their treatment at the hands of slaveowners. He shows that slaves labored, not because they shared values and goals with their masters, but because of the omnipresent threat of 'negative incentives,' primarily physical violence. In his introduction to this new edition, Bruce Levine provides a historical analysis of the debate over Time on the Cross. Levine reminds us of the continuing influence of the latter book, demonstrated by Robert W. Fogel's 1993 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, and hence the importance and timeliness of Gutman's critique.

The Slave Community - John W. Blassingame 1979

Closer to Freedom - Stephanie M. H. Camp 2005-10-12
Recent scholarship on slavery has explored the lives of enslaved people beyond the watchful eye of their masters. Building on this work and the study of space, social relations, gender, and power in the Old South, Stephanie Camp examines the everyday containment and movement of enslaved men and, especially, enslaved women. In her investigation of the movement of bodies, objects, and information, Camp extends our recognition of slave resistance into new arenas and reveals an important and hidden culture of opposition. Camp discusses the multiple dimensions to acts of resistance that might otherwise appear to be little more than fits of temper. She brings new depth to our understanding of the lives of enslaved women, whose bodies and homes were inevitably political arenas. Through Camp's insight, truancy becomes an act of pursuing personal privacy. Illegal parties ('frolics') become an expression of bodily freedom. And bondwomen who acquired printed abolitionist materials and posted them on the walls of their slave cabins (even if they could not read them) become the subtle agitators who inspire more overt acts. The culture of opposition created by enslaved women's acts of everyday resistance helped foment and sustain the more visible resistance of men in their individual acts of running away and in the collective action of slave revolts. Ultimately, Camp argues, the Civil War years saw revolutionary change that had been in the making for decades.

Originally published in 1918, Ulrich Bonnell Phillips’s American Negro Slavery was widely hailed upon publication as the most comprehensive and accurate examination of enslaved Africans in the South by an academic historian. In the 1950s, however, a new generation of historians—led by Kenneth Stamp—challenged many of Phillips’s inaccurate and racist views about slavery. While many historians today acknowledge that American Negro Slavery is a pioneering work, most agree that Phillips’s misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and overt racism profoundly diminish his conclusions. This 1966 edition includes a foreword by Eugene D. Genovese, author of numerous academic works on slavery, including the Bancroft Prize-winning Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made (1974).

All Things Georgian - Joanne Major 2019-01-30
Take a romp through the long eighteenth-century in this collection of 25 short tales. Marvel at the Queen’s Ass, gaze at the celestial heavens through the eyes of the past and be amazed by the equestrian feats of the Norwich Nymph. Journey to the debauched French court at Versailles, travel to Covent Garden and take your seat in a box at the theatre and, afterwards, join the mile-high club in a new-fangled hot air balloon. Meet actresses, whores and high-born ladies, politicians, inventors, royalty and criminals as we travel through the Georgian era in all its glorious and gruesome glory. In roughly chronological
order, covering the reign of the four Georges, 1714-1730 and set within the framework of the main events of the era, these tales are accompanied by over 100 stunning color illustrations.

**Bound in Wedlock** - Tera W. Hunter 2017 Tera W. Hunter offers the first comprehensive history of African American marriage in the nineteenth century and into the Jim Crow era. She reveals the practical ways couples adopted, adapted, or rejected White Christian ideas of marriage, creatively setting their own standards for conjugal relationships under conditions of uncertainty and cruelty.--

**Jews and Blacks in the Early Modern World** - Jonathan Schorsch 2004-04-12 Publisher Description

**Time on the Cross** - Robert William Fogel 1974 Employs quantitative analyses to correct long-standing historical beliefs concerning the inefficiency of the slave system, the dispersion of Black families, and the material poverty of slaves

**Transatlantic Slavery** - Anthony H. Tibbles 2005 Over a four-hundred-year period at least twelve million Africans were taken into slavery in the largest forced migration in human history. This introductory book, which draws upon a wealth of material held by the International Slavery Museum, tells their story and examines the legacy of this bloody trade. Richly illustrated and with a foreword by Reverend Jesse Jackson, Transatlantic Slavery: An Introduction will be required reading for all those approaching the subject for the first time. 'The enslavement of Africans fuelled the economic development of the US and the world - so in that sense, African people, whether in the US or Britain, are creditors, not debtors. From finance to cotton, shipping and trade, no economic development in the world could have evolved without the contributions - as enslaved people - of African people.' - From the foreword by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

**Deliver Us from Evil** - Lacy K. Ford 2009-09-03 A major contribution to our understanding of slavery in the early republic, Deliver Us from Evil illuminates the white South's twisted and tortured efforts to justify slavery, focusing on the period from the drafting of the federal constitution in 1787 through the age of Jackson. Drawing heavily on primary sources, including newspapers, government documents, legislative records, pamphlets, and speeches, Lacy K. Ford recaptures the varied and sometimes contradictory ideas and attitudes held by groups of white southerners as they tried to square slavery with their democratic ideals. He excels at conveying the political, intellectual, economic, and social thought of leading white southerners, vividly recreating the mental world of the varied actors and capturing the vigorous debates over slavery. He also shows that there was not one antebellum South but many, and not one southern white mindset but several, with the debates over slavery in the upper South quite different in substance from those in the deep South. In the upper South, where tobacco had fallen into comparative decline by 1800, debate often centered on how the area might reduce its dependence on slave labor and "whiten" itself, whether through gradual emancipation and colonization or the sale of slaves to the cotton South. During the same years, the lower South swirled into the vortex of the "cotton revolution," and that area's whites lost all interest in emancipation, no matter how gradual or fully compensated. An ambitious, thought-provoking, and highly insightful book, Deliver Us from Evil makes an important contribution to the history of slavery in the United States, shedding needed light on the white South's early struggle to reconcile slavery with its Revolutionary heritage.

**Slave Religion** - Albert J. Raboteau 2004-10-07 Slave Religion remains the preeminent synthesis of the religious life of slaves in the United States. This new edition will consider the developments in the study of slavery, the religious encounter, religious culture, and reactions to the books over the past twenty five years, as well as the ways the author would write it differently today.

**American Slavery** - Peter Kolchin 2003 "... updated to address a decade of
new scholarship, the book includes a new preface, afterword, and revised and expanded bibliographic essay."—from publisher description.