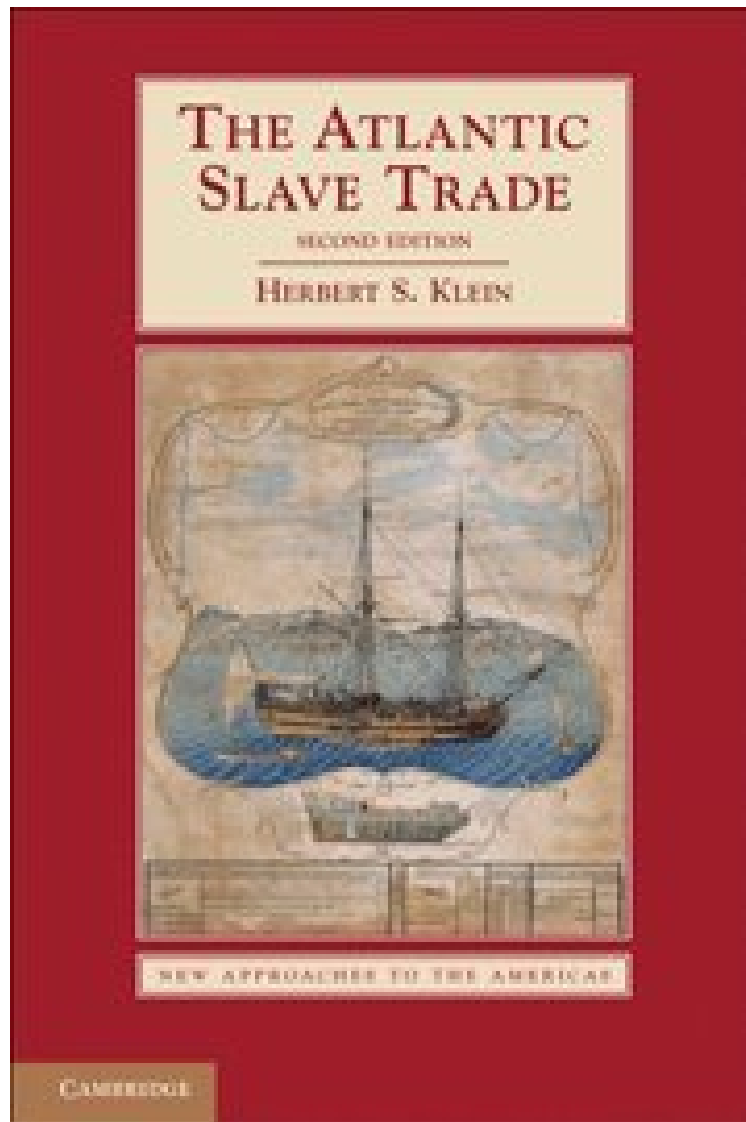


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Indeed, learning of the legality and normality of the system in Africa was enlightening to me. Although some readers might be a little disappointed by the methodological and dispassionate tone of the author, they should know that the author aims a different mark and does an extraordinary job in discrediting the more polemical and popular accounts of the Atlantic Slave Trade. I am now very interested in learning more about the Atlantic Slave Trade and African history in general after reading this book. Highly recommended if you can stomach a tone disinterested in engaging with normative questions raised by slavery, imperialism, and their role in Africa generally. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Short but insightful

By Luis Mansilla
The Atlantic Slave Trade is an important part of history of several nations: great part of Africa of course, the nations in America who were immersed in this trade as buyers and those European countries who had control of the trade to its colonies. One important question that I had in my mind before reading this book was "why Africans were enslaved", curiously the first words of chapter 1, and why in this New World, the American Indians were not used as workers? Seems that everything conspired for this trading to flourish, in particular the decline of native population and because those native became new Christians. But seems there is another reason, not named in this book, and is that those native American were not that productive than Africans or Chinese. This is a short book and the author provide an insightful introduction, focusing especially in the economic side of this trade and its organization, showing a great deal of statistical information. There is not much of the people side of events -- I am referring to the sufferings stories of the Africans, but it does name the story of Igbo Equiano, an African slave that wrote a book about his experiences and I'm eager to know more about it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. While providing great insight and information about the slave trade in the ...

By Gretchen Collier
This text was required for an upper level undergraduate course at my university. While providing great insight and information about the slave trade in the American world, there are glaring editorial oversights that are quite distracting to the reader.

This survey is a synthesis of the economic, social, cultural, and political history of the Atlantic slave trade, providing the general reader with a basic understanding of the current state of scholarly knowledge of forced African migration and compares this knowledge to popular beliefs. The Atlantic Slave Trade examines the four hundred years of Atlantic slave trade, covering the West and East African experiences, as well as all the American colonies and republics that obtained slaves from Africa. It outlines both the common features of this trade and the local differences that developed. It discusses the slave trade's economics, politics, demographic impact, and cultural implications in relationship to Africa as well as America. Finally, it places the slave trade in the context of world trade and examines the role it played in the growing relationship between Asia, Africa, Europe, and America. This new edition incorporates the latest findings of the last decade in slave trade studies carried out in Europe and America. It also includes new data on the slave trade voyages which have just recently been made available to the public.

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"The book is a masterpiece of economic history, and as long as Klein is presenting economic arguments, he is unmatched. The chapters on the business organization of the slave trade, especially its European end, the disposition of slaves in the Americas, and the Middle Passage are finely tuned, clearly written, and deploy the latest scholarship. Indeed, in making generalizations, Klein goes beyond what can be learned simply by consulting the latest scholarship. The international dimension of the trade, the multiplicity of nationalities involved, and its huge intercontinental scope are easily grasped by an approach in which Klein is as comfortable with the operations of the Dutch and Danish shippers as he is with the English. Indeed, one of Klein's strong suits is that he does not simply generalize from the English trade, but is sensitive to the nuances of the trade

from all shippers and consumers." - John Thornton, *The International History* "...updated and greatly expanded quantitative data set on the involvement of Portuguese and Spanish ships in the Atlantic trade strengthens his already compelling arguments about the importance of the South Atlantic to this enterprise." -Sandra E. Greene, *African Studies About the Author* Herbert S. Klein is the author of 22 books and 155 articles in several languages on Latin America and comparative themes in social and economic history. Among these books are *The Middle Passage: Comparative Studies in the Atlantic Slave Trade* (1978) and four studies of slavery, the most recent of which are *Slavery and the Economy of So Paulo, 1750-1850* (co-author, 2003), *African Slavery in Latin America and the Caribbean* (co-author, 2008), and *Slavery in Brazil* (co-author, 2009), as well as four books on Bolivian history, including *A Concise History of Bolivia* (2003). He has also published books on such diverse themes as *The American Finances of the Spanish Empire, 1680-1809* (1998) and *A Population History of the United States* (2004).