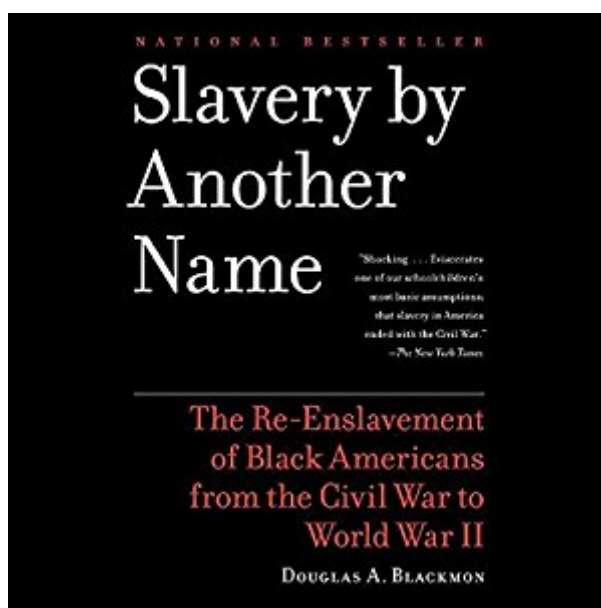


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Slavery By Another Name: The Re-Enslavement Of Black Americans From The Civil War To World War II



Synopsis

“An astonishing book. . . . It will challenge and change your understanding of what we were as Americans” and of what we are.” Chicago Tribune
In this groundbreaking historical exposé, Douglas A. Blackmon brings to light one of the most shameful chapters in American history—an “Age of Neoslavery” that thrived from the aftermath of the Civil War through the dawn of World War II. Using a vast record of original documents and personal narratives, Blackmon unearths the lost stories of slaves and their descendants who journeyed into freedom after the Emancipation Proclamation and then back into the shadow of involuntary servitude shortly thereafter. By turns moving, sobering, and shocking, this unprecedented account reveals the stories of those who fought unsuccessfully against the re-emergence of human labor trafficking, the companies that profited most from neoslavery, and the insidious legacy of racism that reverberates today. “The genius of Blackmon’s book is that it illuminates both the real human tragedy and the profoundly corrupting nature of the Old South slavery as it transformed to establish a New South social order.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
“A formidably researched, powerfully written, wrenchingly detailed narrative.” St. Louis Post-Dispatch --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

While the text can seem a bit drawn out, overall, the text succeeds in bringing to life atrocities committed against African Americans after the end of the civil war. This topic is not often described

in quite the way it is described in this text. In short, certain segments of the south (spotlighted here is Alabama), practiced techniques after the civil war that essentially re-enslaved African Americans through the legal system. Petty crimes could become offenses that would lend someone with sentence of a years hard labor. Whether or not there was evidence to support that the man was guilty was essentially irrelevant. Apart from having to pay the penalty for whatever crime was committed, the man would also be liable to cover the costs of court fees--- which would either bind him to the sheriff or to a local business owner. In turn, said man would have to work, often in dangerous mines, where conditions were appalling. This is a good book for people who are interested in southern history, and African American history--- that is to say, people with an interest in American history should read this work.

"Slavery by Another Name," is a thought provoking and maddening book about slavery in the south during the turn of the twentieth century through the 1960's. You will become very angry when you read how Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Florida et al had local town city officials ready to arrest African Americans on made up trump up charges, such as vagrancy. Usually, an African American either took the train or walked to a neighboring town or city looking for work. The local Sheriff meets up with him and either says you owe Mr. Anderson \$7.50 for a loan he never borrowed. You need to pay up now or you will be charged with xyz. Mr. Anderson pays for the debt plus new charges. Next the African American is brought before a judge and pronounced guilty and sentenced to 6 on up months of forced labor. He is then asked to sign a contract agreeing to the terms. Usually the forced laborer is illiterate and can't read the contract. He signs a "X" for his signature. These arrestees were held in the local town jail without basic living conditions. The Sheriff would sell them at a profit to regional mines, lumber yards and coal companies, farmers, and other forced labor camps. The monies were split between the pretend victim (Mr. Anderson), the judge and the sheriff. These labor camps treated their inmates worse than their African American ancestors before the Civil War. Once they arrived to work at the mines they were chained and shackled. Each slave was given a quota of product they were required to provide at the end of the day. Their days started at 3am or 4am and ended around 11pm. If they missed their quota they were harshly whipped by being stretched nakedly over a barrel to receive at least fifteen lashes. Many died from these daily beatings. Their threadbare clothes or in many cases no clothes were never washed. Lack of safety was another lethal issue. Because these labor camps were doing everything they could to save on expenses the mines, lumber yards and coal companies used century old equipment that increased loss of limbs and lives. Due to the lack of sanitary conditions disease ran rapid through the slave workers

camps. The slaves (forced labor) lived in too small filthy hovels where they were chained together each night. They were fed substandard food each night and not enough to meet male caloric intake. Making the slaves weaker every work day. The details of the book stays with you to share with friends and family. I highly recommend this book if you want to learn more about slavery in the twentieth century. It is very topical with the kidnapping of the Nigerian girls.

EXCELLENT book.....I learned a lot...Well written, easy to follow, difficult to read because it talks about a history I was not aware of and it was painful to read about...I am very glad I read it and would highly rec. it...

A very thought provoking, eye opening account of the reconstruction era. I was surprised by the lack of action the northern government could have been providing. I tip my hat to the author for his research skills and determination to discover the truth. Over 600,000 thousand soldiers died fighting a war that was fought to end the institution of slavery. It is probably argued that all the reasons revolved around one issue, and that was slavery. I'm sure that a lot of the southern soldiers were fighting for what they thought were states rights and the north was fighting because those states succeeded from the union. Isn't it surprising even today that the average soldiers are the ones that pay the price for governments/politicians that cannot resolve an issue without going to war over it. A very good book for those who are looking for the truth and account of what happened to the freedmen after the war.

One of the most groundbreaking books I've "read" to date! A must read for anyone seeking knowledge and/or an enlightened context with which to view modern times. Right up there with *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, this book will broaden your perspective on our country's true history. Paints a picture wholly apart from the whitewashed American textbooks you learned from.

This book is important. It's about the hidden history of America between the end of the Civil War and the signing of the Civil Rights Act. The vast majority of Americans don't know about the real history that this book explores, and assume that slavery ended after the Civil War, it didn't, and in ways became worse. I am ashamed that our Government and leaders lacked the character and belief in what America is supposed to be to put a stop to slavery until 1945. This book should be required reading in high school. Thank you Douglas Blackmon for tackling this subject and for opening my eyes.

A must reading for every high school and college student. Every American should read this account and discuss the events and the continuing consequences in today's America. It is sadly assumed by the vast majority that the Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery. This clearly reveals the truth of that myth and how the continued slavery in the South was sanctioned by those in the North. No one comes out clean in this flawlessly researched and tragic account of the evil and illusion of American freedom and justice.

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