Amistad The Story Of A Slave Ship

A Voyage of Courage and Hope: Discovering the Magic of 'Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship'

Oh, where do I even begin with 'Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship'? This isn't just a book; it's a journey, a powerful testament to the human spirit that will grab hold of your heart and refuse to let go. If you're looking for a read that's both profoundly moving and surprisingly uplifting, then buckle up, because this story is for you!

From the very first page, you're transported. The author masterfully paints a picture of the *Amistad*, not just as a ship, but as a world unto itself. It's an imaginative setting that, despite the harrowing circumstances it depicts, manages to evoke a sense of resilience and shared humanity. You can almost feel the salty spray, hear the creak of the wooden planks, and sense the desperate hope that flickers in the darkness. It's a testament to storytelling that can make such a difficult subject matter so viscerally present, yet also imbue it with a kind of enduring magic.

And the emotional depth! Prepare for a rollercoaster. You'll feel the crushing despair, the burning injustice, but most importantly, you'll witness an unyielding flicker of hope that refuses to be extinguished. The characters, brought to life with such tender detail, become more than just figures in a history book. They are individuals with dreams, with families, with an indomitable will to survive and be free. It's this emotional connection that makes 'Amistad' resonate so deeply, transcending time and place. This is a story that speaks to the very core of what it means to be human, making it a truly universal appeal. Whether you're a young adult just starting to explore the complexities of the world, a book club eager for stimulating discussion, or an avid reader always on the hunt for something extraordinary, this book will captivate you.

What I love most about 'Amistad' is its inherent optimism, even in the face of unimaginable hardship. It's a reminder that even in the darkest of times, the seeds of courage and the pursuit of freedom can bloom. It's a story that encourages us to believe in the possibility of justice and the power of unity. It's this blend of historical significance and genuine, heart-stirring narrative that makes it a truly magical experience.

So, whether you're looking to discover a new literary treasure or revisit a story that has already captured countless hearts, I wholeheartedly encourage you to dive into 'Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship'. It's more than just a historical account; it's a timeless classic that will inform, inspire, and leave an indelible mark on your soul. This book is a powerful reminder of where we've been, and a beacon of hope for where we can go.

My strongest recommendation: This is a book that deserves a place on every bookshelf. Its lasting impact lies in its ability to educate, to empathize, and to celebrate the extraordinary resilience of the human spirit. Don't miss out on this magical journey!

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masterly adam hochschild the new york times book review in this widely praised history of an infamous institution award winning scholar marcus rediker shines a light into the darkest corners of the british and american slave ships of the eighteenth century drawing on thirty years of research in maritime archives court records diaries and firsthand accounts the slave ship is riveting and sobering in its revelations reconstructing in chilling detail a world nearly lost to history the floating dungeons at the forefront of the birth of african american culture

from 1754 to 1755 the slave ship hare completed a journey from newport rhode island to sierra leone and back to the united states a journey that transformed more than seventy africans into commodities condemning some to death and the rest to a life of bondage in north america in this engaging narrative sean kelley painstakingly reconstructs this tumultuous voyage detailing everything from the identities of the captain and crew to their wild encounters with inclement weather slave traders and near mutiny but most importantly kelley tracks the cohort of slaves aboard the hare from their purchase in africa to their sale in south carolina in tracing their complete journey kelley provides rare insight into the communal lives of slaves and sheds new light on the african diaspora and its influence on the formation of african american culture in this immersive exploration kelley connects the story of enslaved people in the united states to their origins in africa as never before told uniquely from the perspective of one particular voyage this book brings a slave ship s journey to life giving us one of the clearest views of the eighteenth century slave trade

describes the conditions that existed on the ships bringing african slaves to the new world

story the 18th century slave trade and of the transporting of the negroes to america

traces slave names the islands and cities into which we are born our musics and rhythms our genetic compositions our stories of our lost utopias and the atrocities inflicted upon our ancestors by our ancestors the social structure of our cities the nature of our diasporas the scars inflicted by history these are all the remnants of the middle passage of the slave ship for those in the multiple diasporas of the globe today whose complex histories were shaped by that journey whatever remnants that once existed in the subjectivities and collectivities upon which slavery was inflicted has long passed but there are hints in material culture genetic and cultural transmissions and objects that shape certain kinds of narratives this is how we know ourselves and how we tell our stories this path breaking book uncovers the significance of the memory of the slave ship for modernity as well as its role in the cultural production of modernity by so doing it examines methods of ethnography for historical events and experiences and offers a sociology and a history from below of the slave experience the arguments in this book show the way for using memory studies to undermine contemporary slavery

the author relates the history of this european slave ship and includes a day by day account of how life on the ship in the 1700s may have been color illustrations and b w photos

in the summer of 1860 more than fifty years after the united states legally abolished the international slave trade 110 men women and children from benin and nigeria were brought ashore in alabama under cover of night they were the last recorded group of africans deported to the united states as slaves timothy meaher an established mobile businessman sent the slave ship the clotilda to africa on a bet that he could bring a shipful of niggers right into mobile bay under the officers noses he won the bet this book reconstructs the lives of the people in west africa recounts their capture and passage in the slave pen in ouidah and describes their experience of slavery alongside american born enslaved men and women after emancipation the group reunited from various plantations bought land and founded their own settlement known as african town they ruled it according to customary african laws spoke their own regional language and when giving interviews insisted that writers use their african names so that their families would know that they were still alive the last survivor of the clotilda died in 1935 but african town is still home to a community of clotilda descendants the publication of dreams of africa in alabama marks the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade winner of the wesley logan prize of the american historical association 2007

examines the slave trade from its beginnings in the fifteenth century to its abolishment after the civil war and surveys the world both before and after the events

i am a human being i am a woman i am a black woman i am an african once i was free then i was captured and became a slave but inside me here and here i am still a free woman during a period of four hundred years european slave traders ferried some 12 million enslaved africans across the atlantic in the americas teaching a slave to read and write was a criminal offense when the last slaves gained their freedom in brazil barely a thousand of them were literate hardly any stories of the enslaved and transported africans have survived this novel is an attempt to recreate just one of those stories one story of a possible 12 million or more lawrence hill created another in the book of negroes someone knows my name in the u s and more recently yaa gyasi has done the same in homegoing ama occupies center stage throughout this novel as the story opens she is sixteen distant drums announce the death of her grandfather her family departs to attend the funeral leaving her alone to tend her ailing baby brother it is 1775 asante has conquered its northern neighbor and exacted an annual tribute of 500 slaves the ruler of dagbon dispatches a raiding party into the lands of the neighboring bekpokpam they capture ama that night her lover itsho leads an attack on the raiders camp the rescue bid fails sent to collect water from a stream ama comes across itsho s mangled corpse for the rest of her life she will call upon his spirit in time of need in kumase the asante capital ama is given as a gift to the queen mother when the adolescent monarch osei kwame conceives a passion for her the regents dispatch her to the coast for sale to the dutch at elmina castle there the governor pieter de bruyn selects her as his concubine dressing her in the elegant clothes of his late dutch wife and instructing the obese chaplain to teach her to read and write english de bruyn plans to marry ama and take her with him to europe he makes a last trip to the dutch coastal outstations and returns infected with yellow fever on his death his successor rapes ama and sends her back to the female dungeon traumatized her mind goes blank she comes to her senses in the canoe which takes her and other women out to the slave ship the love of liberty before the ship leaves the coast of africa ama instigates a slave rebellion it fails and a brutal whipping leaves her blind in one eye the ship is becalmed in mid atlantic then a fierce storm cripples it and drives it into the port of salvador capital of brazil ama finds herself working in the fields and the mill on a sugar estate she is absorbed into slave society and begins to adapt learning portuguese years pass ama is now totally blind clutching the cloth which is her only material link with africa she reminisces dozes falls asleep a short epilogue brings the story up to date the consequences of the slave trade and slavery are still with us brazilians of african descent remain entrenched in the lower reaches of society enmeshed in poverty this is story telling on a grand scale writes tony sim ? es da silva in ama herbstein creates a work of literature that celebrates the resilience of human beings while denouncing the inscrutable nature of their cruelty by focusing on the brutalization of ama s body and on the psychological scars of her experiences herbstein dramatizes the collective trauma of slavery through the story of a single african woman ama echoes the views of writers historians and philosophers of the african diaspora who have argued that the phenomenon of slavery is inextricable from the deepest foundations of contemporary western civilization ama a story of the atlantic slave trade won the 2002 commonwealth writers prize for the best first book

we all know the story of the slave trade the infamous middle passage the horrifying conditions on slave ships the millions that died on the journey and the auctions that awaited the slaves upon their arrival in the americas but much of the writing on the subject has focused on the european traders and the arrival of slaves in north america in crossings eminent historian

james walvin covers these established territories while also traveling back to the story s origins in africa and south to brazil an often forgotten part of the triangular trade in an effort to explore the broad sweep of slavery across the atlantic reconstructing the transatlantic slave trade from an extensive archive of new research walvin seeks to understand and describe how the trade began in africa the terrible ordeals experienced there by people sold into slavery and the scars that remain on the continent today journeying across the ocean he shows how brazilian slavery was central to the development of the slave trade itself as that country tested techniques and methods for trading and slavery that were successfully exported to the caribbean and the rest of the americas in the following centuries walvin also reveals the answers to vital questions that have never before been addressed such as how a system that the western world came to despise endured so long and how the british who were fundamental in developing and perfecting the slave trade became the most prominent proponents of its eradication the most authoritative history of the entire slave trade to date crossings offers a new understanding of one of the most important and tragic episodes in world history

the slave trade domestic and foreign why it exists and how it may be extinguished by henry charles carey first published in 1872 is a rare manuscript the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world this book is a reproduction of that original which has been scanned and cleaned by state of the art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced appreciation restoration editors mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life some smudges annotations or unclear text may still exist due to permanent damage to the original work we believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction allowing a new generation to appreciate it

how an eighteenth century engraving of a slave ship became a cultural icon of black resistance identity and remembrance one of the most iconic images of slavery is a schematic wood engraving depicting the human cargo hold of a slave ship first published by british abolitionists in 1788 it exposed this widespread commercial practice for what it really was shocking immoral barbaric unimaginable printed as handbills and broadsides the image cheryl finley has termed the slave ship icon was easily reproduced and by the end of the eighteenth century it was circulating by the tens of thousands around the atlantic rim committed to memory provides the first in depth look at how this artifact of the fight against slavery became an enduring symbol of black resistance identity and remembrance finley traces how the slave ship icon became a powerful tool in the hands of british and american abolitionists and how its radical potential was rediscovered in the twentieth century by black artists activists writers filmmakers and curators finley offers provocative new insights into the works of amiri baraka romare bearden betye saar and many others she demonstrates how the icon was transformed into poetry literature visual art sculpture performance and film and became a medium through which diasporic africans have reasserted their common identity and memorialized their ancestors beautifully illustrated committed to memory features works from around the world taking readers from the united states and england to west africa and the caribbean it shows how contemporary black artists and their allies have used this iconic eighteenth century engraving to reflect on the trauma of slavery and come to terms with its legacy

between 1500 and 1870 european traders transported millions of africans to the americas to work as slaves yet despite the wealth of scholarship on this period many people remain uninformed about the history of the slave trade and its implications for the modern black experience published to accompany a permanent gallery in the merseyside maritime museum transatlantic slavery documents this era through essays on women in slavery the impact of slavery on west and central africa and the african view of the slave trade richly illustrated it reveals how the slave trade shaped the history of three continents africa the americas and europe and how all of us continue to live with its consequences

after many years of research award winning historian hugh thomas portrays in a balanced account the complete history of the slave trade beginning with the first portuguese slaving expeditions hugh thomas describes and analyzes the rise of one of the largest and most elaborate maritime and commercial ventures in all of history between 1492 and 1870 approximately eleven million black slaves were carried from africa to the americas to work on plantations in mines or as servants in houses the slave trade is alive with villains and heroes and illuminated by eyewitness accounts hugh thomas s achievement is not only to present a compelling history of the time but to answer controversial questions as who the traders were the extent of the profits and why so many african rulers and peoples willingly collaborated

on nov 28 1858 a ship called the wanderer slipped silently into a coastal channel and unloaded its cargo of over 400 african slaves onto jekyll island georgia thirty eight years after the

african slave trade had been made illegal it was the last ship ever to bring a cargo of african slaves to american soil built in 1856 the wanderer began life as a luxury racing yacht flying the pennant of the new york yacht club and cited as the successor to the famous yacht america but within a year of its creation the wanderer was secretly converted into a slave ship and with the new york yacht club pennant still flying above as a diversion sailed off to africa the wanderer s mission was meant to be more than a slaving venture however it was designed by its radical conspirators to defy the federal government and speed the nation s descent into civil war the new york times first reported the story as a hoax however as groups of africans began to appear in the small towns surrounding savannah the story of the wanderer began to leak out igniting a fire of protest and debate that made headlines throughout the nation and across the atlantic as the story shifts between savannah jekyll island the congo river london and new york city the wanderer s tale is played out in heated southern courtrooms the offices of the new york times the white house the slave markets of africa and some of the most charming homes southern royalty had to offer in a gripping account of the high seas and the high life in new york and savannah erik calonius brings to light one of the most important and little remembered stories of the civil war period

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