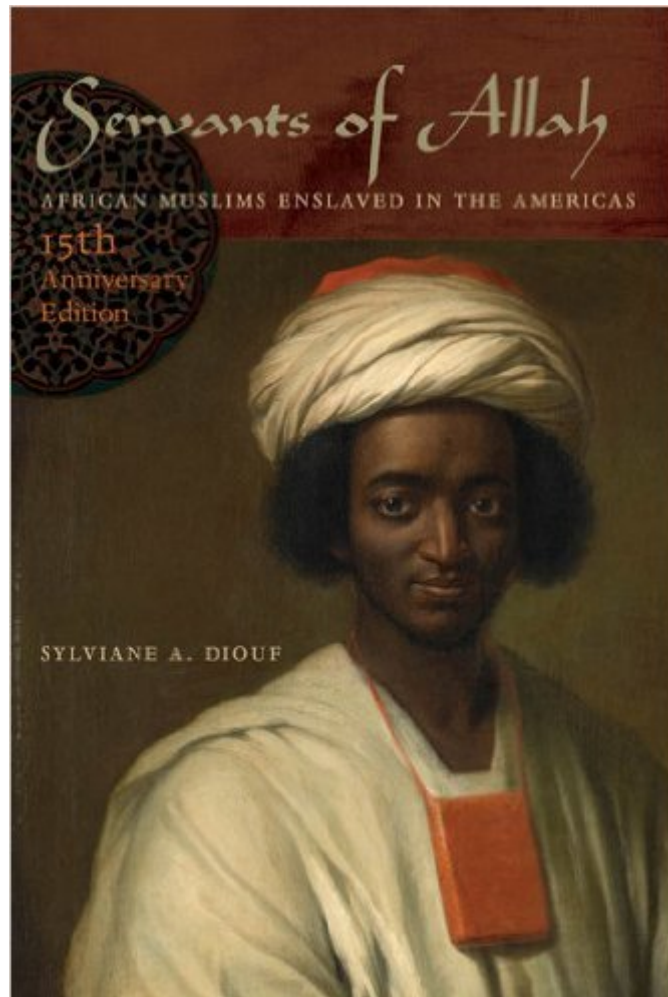


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I bought this book when it was new long ago. It is one of the best books I have ever read.

Sometimes people use this comment's section to attack people or ideas and I can't say I am innocent of doing this on occasion myself. It is very wrong that it has happened a tad here. Some of us are not very fastidious. This is a book about African American history. Now I must have missed it.

Our ancestors did not come from East Africa and so they were not sold to the whites who brought us here through "Arabs." This book takes courage. I am a Muslim and I was Muslim when I read it so it was no big deal for me. But if you are not an African American Muslim, if you have spent your life clapping in church and holding on to the religion given in the slave quarters, then this book will not be a pleasant experience. It's that simple. Some of us, when confronted with the unpleasantness of how we were not free, of how we literally had a religion stolen from us and another forced on us, turn and defend master by using the old red herring. Arabs were not the traders or merchants who shipped black people from West Africa to the New World. Ms Diouf, I never researched her. I just quietly have been in awe of this name for about 20 years. She tells us our history, in a scientific factual manner. Twenty years ago, this book was the only one out there to go into the great depth she did in her research. Today there are quite a few, but I am sentimental and this is still my favorite. When you see someone on this section attacking Arabs, please remember that black American slaves learned from their masters and the main thing white American slave masters taught was racism and lumping people together. As a black man, I am tired. This group this and that group that. See people as individuals.

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