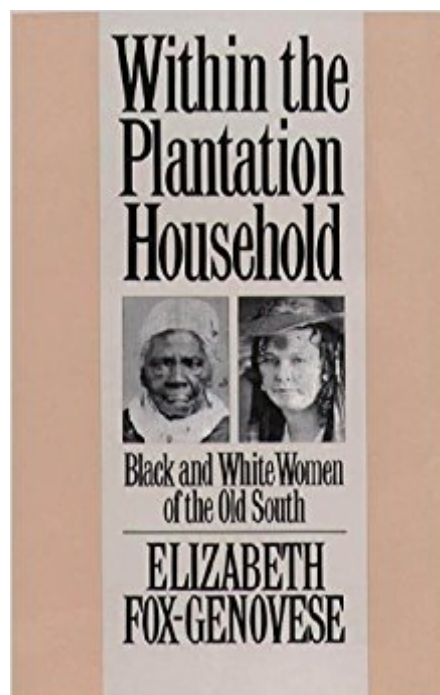




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Within The Plantation Household: Black And White Women Of The Old South (Gender And American Culture)



Synopsis

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.

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In her rich and rewarding book, Fox-Genovese challenges many of the conventions about women's history, which has been largely extrapolated from the experiences of northeastern women. Southern women black and white were southerners, bound by a rural world built on human bondage and race and dominated by men. These women were not passive or victims, but resourceful and resistant. Still, Fox-Genovese rejects the now fashionable view that planters' wives harbored antislavery or feminist sentiments. She places slave women at the center of opposition to slavery. Fox-Genovese has given black and white Southern women voices. Eloquent and powerful; for university and public libraries. Randall M. Miller, St. Joseph's Univ., Philadelphia Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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If you are a history buff of the American South, or someone interested in racial and gender roles, this is the book for you. It is filled with original source material and powerfully conveys the complex and intermixed relations in the plantation household. This book undermines the stereotypes which have tended to dominate popular conceits about the South and Southern women's lives, both black and white.

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese has produced a very scholarly and enlightening examination of women of the old South. In vivid detailed with painstaking research, she presents the daily lives of women, black and white, within the plantation household. Though written from an academic perspective, the author has succeeded in presenting her research in an entertaining and even captivating narrative style. For those looking for the behind the scenes lifestyle of unknown women of the South, this is the one book of choice. Reviewer: Bob Kelleman, Ph.D., is the author of "Beyond the Suffering: Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction." He has also authored "Soul Physicians," "Spiritual Friends," and the forthcoming "Sacred Friendships: Listening to the Voices of Women Soul Care-Givers and Spiritual Directors."

An absolutely excellent study of the relationship between slave-owner and the enslaved. The book struck me a college-level treatise but is easily read and enjoyable even for the casual reader. Tremendous details of both black and white lives in the pre-Civil War era. Highly recommend to

anyone interested in life in the south during that period.

Reading about the way ladies lived in the Old South is interesting. Both Black and White women had problems and struggles in their lives, though obviously, slaves were not free to choose their fate.

Interesting book

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