

A Escravidão no Brasil (Como Eu Ensino)
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A collection of stories more than a history

I had been trying to get a copy of Maurilio de Gouveia's magnificent 1955 [[ASIN:B003S8U6HS História Da Escravidão]] I thought this might be it. It is something else altogether. A collection of stories about the treatment of slaves in Brazil, both black and Indian, during the Age of Discovery and Modern Age (Enlightenment to the First World War, by his account).

As dos Santos notes, black history and black studies have come into their own in the interim. He presents a number of stories from the period of the cruelty suffered by slaves. He starts with their capture in Africa, their export to Brazil, and their distribution through slave markets. Though both Indians and Blacks served as slaves in Brazil, there were more of the latter – they simply made better slaves. The Indians were coopted in other ways. The Portuguese married their women, after which the wives' families were somehow bound economically to the brother-in-law.

Albeit from a Black perspective, this is a reasonably balanced book about a troubled period in history.

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