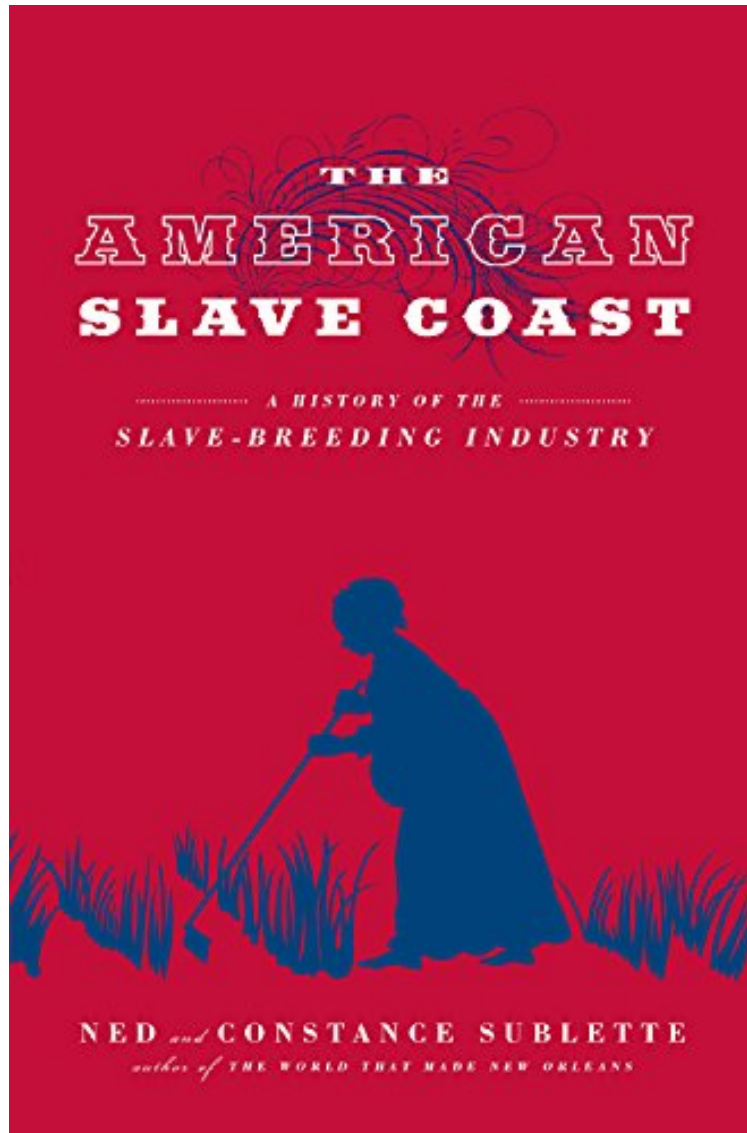


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**Ned Sublette, Constance Sublette : The American Slave Coast: A History of the Slave-Breeding Industry** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The American Slave Coast: A History of the Slave-Breeding Industry:

55 of 56 people found the following review helpful. A Must ReadBy CustomerI had no idea how many people were involved in slavery, how totally dependent our economy was on slavery, how many Presidents owned slaves, how slaves were viewed as collateral, how slavery as an investment depended on slave breeding and an ever expanding

market. I was familiar with the treatment of women, the breakup of families, and the view of non-whites as inferior. I didn't realize the extent of destroying Native Americans or using them to destroy each other. An excellent book.<sup>45</sup> of 46 people found the following review helpful. "No matter how bad we thought slavery was, it was even worse" By Andrew Robinson An extended quote from the coda of the book: "Antebellum slavery required a complex of social, legal, financial, and political institutions structured to maximize profits that flowed only to a small elite, while leaving the rest of the population poor. It wanted no legal oversight beyond the local, no public education, and no dissent. For laborers, it wanted no person-hood; no wages, education, privacy, clothing, human rights, civic identity, civil right, reproductive rights, or even the right to keep a stable family. It existed at the cost of everything else in the society, including the most basic notions of humanity." In his book, "The World That Made New Orleans", Ned Sublette introduced me to the practice of slave breeding. Children were conceived, brought to term, and raised to be sold as slaves. The mothers were forced to breed with male slaves, overseers, and slave owners, without their consent and against their will. The owners sold their own children as property. In this book, "The American Slave Coast", Ned and Constance Sublette present a detailed history of the United States as it pertains to the slave trade. The book demonstrates how America's cherished institutions were built to accommodate the slave trade. It demonstrates how the slave trade influenced so much of American history. The book gives a name to the practice from the previous book, the "capitalized womb." It describes how slaves formed the monetary system of the slave states, and how that money helped fund the industrial revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries. The children of female slaves were "interest" to the slave owners and their creditors. The book details the creation and propagation of the institutions that created the conditions described in the quote. The book is long at 660+ pages. However, it is divided into short sections averaging several pages each. The sectioning of the book makes it a relatively easy read for its length. If you like to go beyond the history you were taught in school and discover the stories that explain the world in which we now live, "The American Slave Coast" is one of those books. The first two sentences of the quote that begins this review could be seen to apply to conditions today. The authors do connect today's problems to the institutions of the slave trade. Remember that the trade was built over three centuries and ended only half that long ago. However, the authors go to length to show how real chattel slavery was so much worse than the social inequities of today. They state, "Over the years we have been researching our nation's history, we have seen repeatedly that no matter how bad we thought slavery was, it was even worse. There's no end to it." 89 of 95 people found the following review helpful. The grim details of a missing chapter in American history finally exposed. By Ken McCarthy This book introduces to the general reader something that only serious historians of the slavery era grasp: Not only were terrorized human beings bought and sold as if tradable property, but enslaved women were often compelled to have children and those children, regardless of how they came into being, were very often taken away from their parents and sold as property too. To steal people's life, liberty and labor is an abomination, but to take their children from them in a systematic, "business-like" way stretches the limits of inhumanity to nearly incomprehensible extremes. This book has come along at just the right time where there are still millions of Americans who simply don't "get" depth of the evil that this long chapter of American history represents.

A wide-ranging, powerful, alternative vision of the history of the United States and how the slave-breeding industry shaped it. The American Slave Coast tells the horrific story of how the slavery business in the United States made the reproductive labor of "breeding women" essential to the expansion of the nation. The book shows how slaves' children, and their children's children, were human savings accounts that were the basis of money and credit. This was so deeply embedded in the economy of the slave states that it could only be decommissioned by Emancipation, achieved through the bloodiest war in the history of the United States. The American Slave Coast is an alternative history of the United States that presents the slavery business, as well as familiar historical figures and events, in a revealing new light.