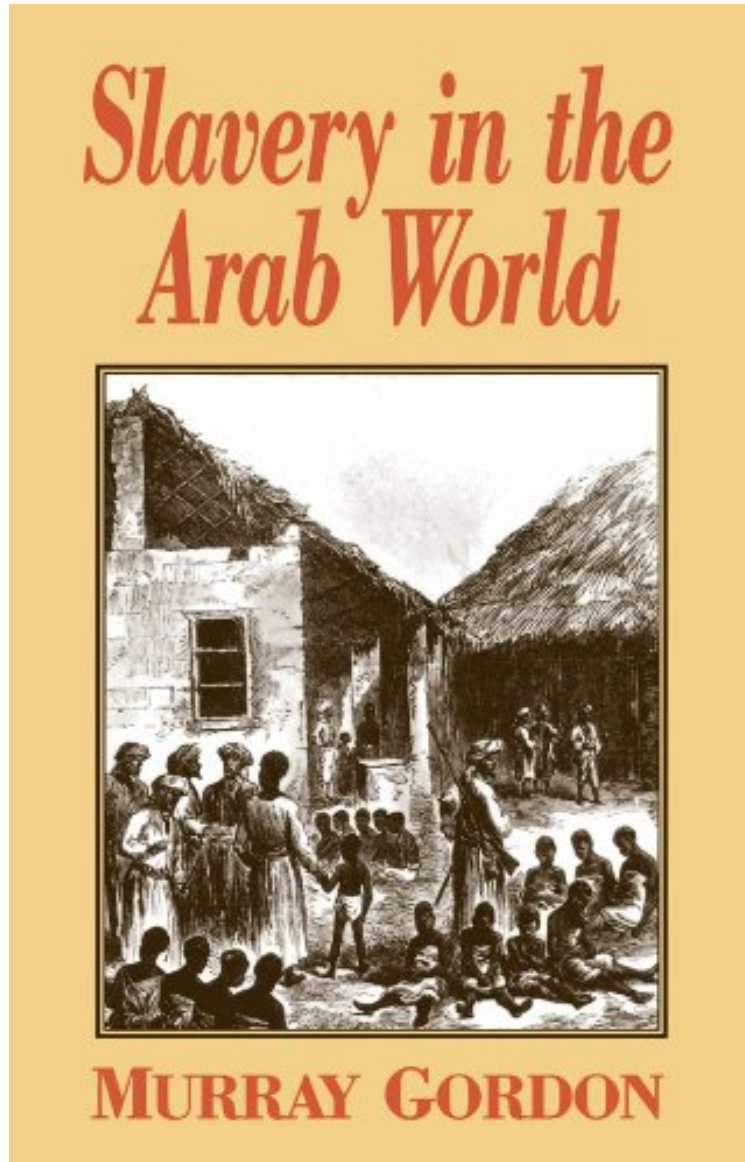


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The very book about a dark chapter of historyVon bela-vistaSlavery in the Arab World has rarely been made the topic of research and publications within reach of the general public.Gordon Murray underpins the fundamental differences of

slave trade through the Sahara and over the Indian Ocean when compared to the more widely known facts of transatlantic slave-trade. The chores of the slaves were only exceptionally tied to plantation work. Males were made to work as soldiers, watchmen and household servants. Females were trafficked at higher prices according to their physical attractiveness as concubines in the harems. Not less important was the third quality of slaves, the eunuchs - castrated boys, educated to serve as overseers in the harems and loyal administrators and officers in state and army. Those yielded highest prices and were hardly ever re-sold again. Racism, a central justification of discrimination in the West until today, was of very reduced importance and influence. Slaves from Circassia (today Georgia and Armenia), from Turkey and El Andaluz (today Spain) were higher valued because of their skills and, not rarely, their literacy. And there was a sexual preference for white women as expressed in higher prices over their African sisters. Religion was a justification and a self-limiting factor at the same time. The Coran allows slavery, but only for non-believers. By the time a slave became a Muslim, manumission was a necessary option to solve the problem. Freeing a slave honored the owner and not so rarely it was accompanied by inter-marriage. Former slaves became generals and ministers. The slave in the Arab World was property and person at the same time, not totally deprived from all rights and with a realistic hope to get free in his life-time. Gordon Murray exposes in a very systematic way the characteristics of the trade and social status of slaves from the beginning in pre-Islamic periods, looking as far as China and India, Persia and the North-Africa Coastline. He continues with a very detailed report on many aspects of the trade and social reality of the slaves. In the colorful picture Gordon Murray exposes to his readers, there only one color is less shining: There is very little on the influence of the Portuguese colonizers and on crioulization in harbour towns and on islands in the Indian Ocean as a third momentum of socio-cultural and economic development of the region. For anyone interested in the history of slavery, this book is an enjoyable must, as it reads so well.

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