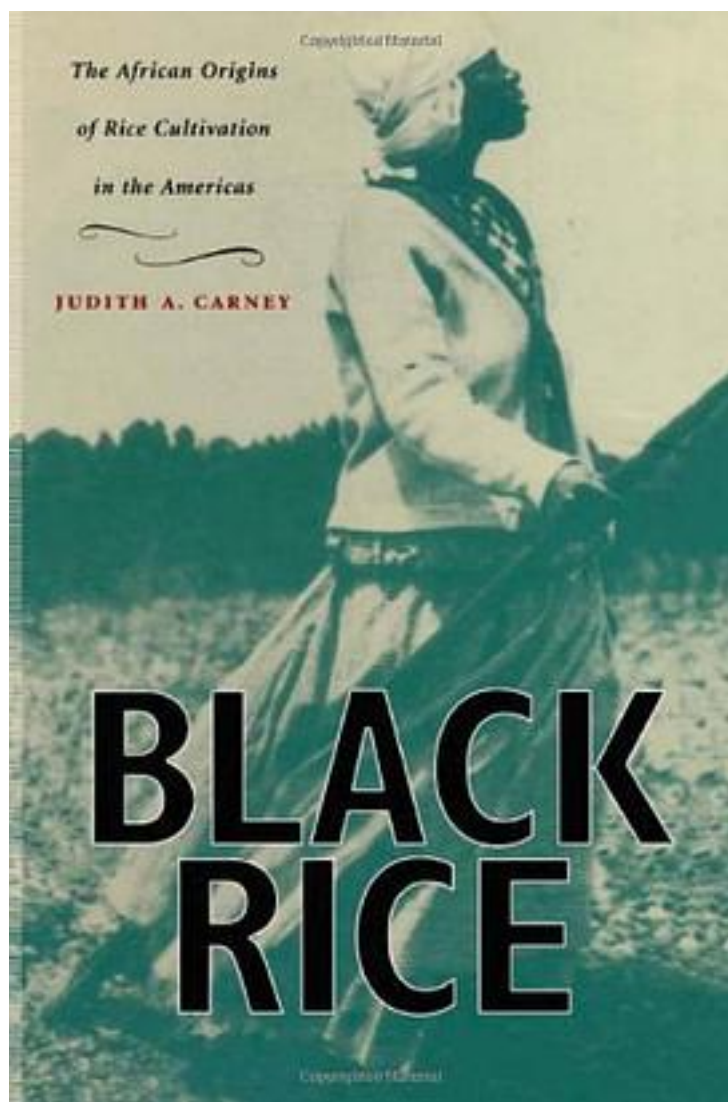


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Few Americans identify slavery with the cultivation of rice. Yet rice was a major plantation crop during the first three centuries of settlement in the Americas. Rice accompanied African slaves across the Middle Passage throughout the New World to Brazil, the Caribbean, and the southern United States. By the middle of the 18th century, rice plantations in South Carolina and the black slaves who worked them had created one of the most profitable economies in the world. This text tells the story of the true provenance of rice in the Americas. It establishes, through agricultural and historical evidence, the vital significance of rice in West African society for a millennium before Europeans arrived and the slave trade began. The standard belief that Europeans introduced rice to West Africa and then brought the knowledge of its cultivation to the Americas is a fundamental fallacy, one which succeeds in effacing the origins of the crop and the role of Africans and African-American slaves in transferring the seed, the cultivation skills, and the cultural practices necessary for establishing it in the New World.

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那个在 America Shengdiyage 的公司，看你还敢不敢说非洲农业不发达……写得蛮有趣的一本书，有助于帮助我们理解非洲黑奴在新世界的身份认同，同时明确他们对新世界经济政治发展的核心作用。个人感觉非洲人还是挺牛逼的。一些豆知识还是很有意思的。

打捞美国黑人对农业知识的原创贡献，就需要从非洲的不同种植传统与自然关系还是看，从特殊的性别分工看，虽然有一点浪漫化非洲传统的嫌疑，但是其隐喻的知识传播/生产能力提升与殖民关系恶化的联系还是令人兴奋的。

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