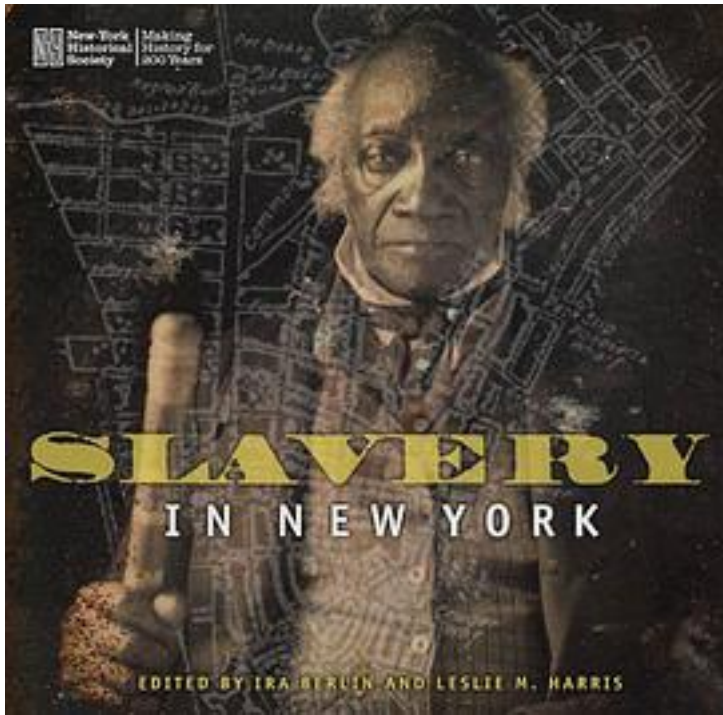


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A definitive account of the hitherto hidden slave past of America's first city. "For much of the eighteenth century, New York City was second only to Charlestown, South Carolina, in its proportion of slaves in an urban population. It was a fact about New York that nearly always elicited comment from European visitors. "It rather hurts a European eye to see so many negro slaves upon the streets," one Scottish traveler complained."--from "Slavery in New York" The recent discovery of the African Burial Ground in Lower Manhattan reminded Americans that slavery in the United States was not merely a phenomenon of the antebellum South. In fact, for most of its history New York was a slave city. Edited by Ira Berlin, the Bancroft Prize-winning author of "Many

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