

# Inhuman Bondage



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Winner of a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award,

David Brion Davis has long been recognized as the leading authority on slavery in the Western World. Now, in *Inhuman Bondage*, Davis sums up a lifetime of insight in this definitive account of New World slavery.

The heart of the book looks at slavery in the American South, describing black slaveholding planters, the rise of the Cotton Kingdom, the daily life of ordinary slaves, the highly destructive slave trade, the sexual exploitation of slaves, the emergence of

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A definitive history by a writer deeply immersed in the subject, *Inhuman Bondage* offers a compelling portrait of the dark side of the American dream.

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