

Praise for
They Were White and They Were Slaves

"...especially after the colonization of the New World, hard labor was often performed by persons who were 'indentured servants'...Many were actually not indentured, but had been kidnapped in the British Isles by thugs and sold to slave-dealers. The appalling and sometimes heart-breaking record is summarized by Michael A. Hoffman II in an excellent book...One shocking fact that you will learn from Mr. Hoffman is that the White slaves commonly fared worse than Black slaves." **Revalo P. Oliver, PhD.**, University of Illinois

"As a teacher of U.S. history from 1943-1968, I knew a lot about the indentured white slave racket, but you even dug up material I had never encountered before."
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"Hoffman documents well the fact that conditions were no better for white 'servants' (and often worse) than the conditions for black 'slaves.' You can really learn a lot from this book." **Michael Hoy**, *Loompanics Unlimited*

They Were White and They Were Slaves is a thoroughly researched challenge to the conventional historiography of colonial and industrial labor, a stunning journey into a hidden epoch, the slave trade in *Whites*, hundreds of thousands of whom were kidnapped, chained, whipped and worked to death in the American colonies and during the Industrial Revolution. This is a chronicle that has never been fully told, part of a vital heritage that has until now comprised the dustiest shelf in the darkest corner of suppressed history.

"Their bodies and souls are used as if hell commenced here and only continued in the world to come." Thomas Montgomery, in a letter to the Lords of Trade and Plantations, on the suffering of White slaves, August 3, 1688.

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6-6-07. Hail Mark! Many thanks for your letter of 1 June 07 & the news that you received my postcard. Will wonders never cease? One correspondent asked me why I send such "old" postcards. I reply that they were new when I bought them, & that many of the subjects cannot be photographed these days of post 9-11. I can just imagine what the zoggies would do to someone who was taking pictures of Hoover Dam, Golden Gate Bridge, &c. He'd be a "terrorist" for sure, since ZOG refuses to define the word. A "terrorist" is anyone whom the ZOG dislikes. When that label is stuck on the victim, he can be incarcerated & tortured without any charge nor trial. The Bill of Rights used to guarantee that a person charged with a crime would have certain rights which would forbid what ZOG does now, but Bush called The Constitution "a damn" scrap of paper," so 'our' King George II is similar to King George III. The sheeple seem content to go along with it. It seems that your zoggies define your alleged beliefs & behavior with the same 'flexibility' as FEDZOGUSA defines "terrorism." Such a deal!

I understand that attempts are being made to 'rehabilitate' certain words, numbering 14, according to Liberty Rights Advocates. I understand that the slogan of La Raza (The Race) is: "Everything within the race. Nothing outside the race." My guess is that your zoggies permit that slogan, as long as it is in Spanish. The funny thing is that the slogan is just as 'Nazi' in any language. Maybe some are 'more equal' than others. ZOG knows!

On an ethnic note, I spell my name as Thomson, which is Scottish. Thompson is Irish. Thomsen is Danish. My family comes from Norway via the Orkney Islands & the Hebrides on both sides of the family. Some of my relatives were brought to North America as White slaves. Whites were the first slaves in North America. Blacks were brought in later, & were plugged into the existing British slave system.

The Brits are perhaps the world's foremost hypocrites, since they had lots of slaves in everything but name. Children were worked to death in British mines, factories & households well into the 20th century. One job for a child would be to drag boxes of coal in mine tunnels which were too low for horses or donkeys. Perhaps the worst job was chimney-sweeping while the fire was burning in the hearth. Imagine the smoke, heat & occasional flames! If that did not kill the child, the soot in his lungs would. In America, most White slaves were worked to death before they were 30. White slaves were very cheap, as compared to Black slaves, since the Whites could be enslaved by kidnappers, on church quotas, as criminals, as 'indentured servants', &c. Blacks had to be bought from the Black slave-traders in the first place, & when they arrived in America, they were purchased again by their new owners. Thus, the Black slave was an investment, like a fine horse or a farm implement, but Whites had no such value, so their treatment was much worse.

Slave-owners like Washington commanded White slave soldiers in battles with the French & Indians. When the U.S. Civil War broke out, newspapers of the time reported that Union forces were fired upon by "Black troops in rebel uniforms," so the first Black soldiers fought for the Confederacy, as slaves, like the White slave-soldiers before them.

My Scottish grandmother had lots to say about life under The British Empire, which was not very warm nor fuzzy, since she was born in the 19th century, in the slums of Edinburgh. Whenever I hear "Rule Britannia" & its chorus: "Britons never never shall be slaves!" I feel disgust, for so many were slaves, century after century; enslaved by their own people.

I grew up in California, but when I was a British colonial civil servant in Africa, much later, I experienced no 'culture-shock,' since I felt that I'd merely returned from an exotic place & time, to my normal station in life, although I'd never been to Central Africa before nor since. It just seemed natural to me, whereas, life in Southern California, with its hotrods & Elvis seemed alien. For me, it was alien, & the reasons are a mystery to me, as well as to zoggies who claim that environment determines who we are; not heredity. Why, for example, did I want to be an explorer? I decided to visit The Amazon when I was 8, & did so when I was 24. It was as beautiful & as impressive as I'd imagined. I worked for 2 years in Colombia, South America: 1963 & 1964, during their 300 year old civil war, which continues. It was a beautiful country, but you had to know when to duck. My place in Cali was bombed twice in a 6 month period, but I was out both times. The clothes on my washline got shredded by flying glass when the explosion blew out my window. But Cali had a perfect climate, so window glass was unnecessary. Such a deal! Life was much easier than it had been in California, & it was slower-paced, just as I like it. Being near the Equator, you could pick your favorite climate, by going higher or lower. You could also pick your century: There were jet planes, but there were also paddlewheel steamers & 19th century trains. I rode for 2 weeks on mule & horseback because there were no roads in that area. Well, enough of my "unauthorized activities." All the best & ORION!

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