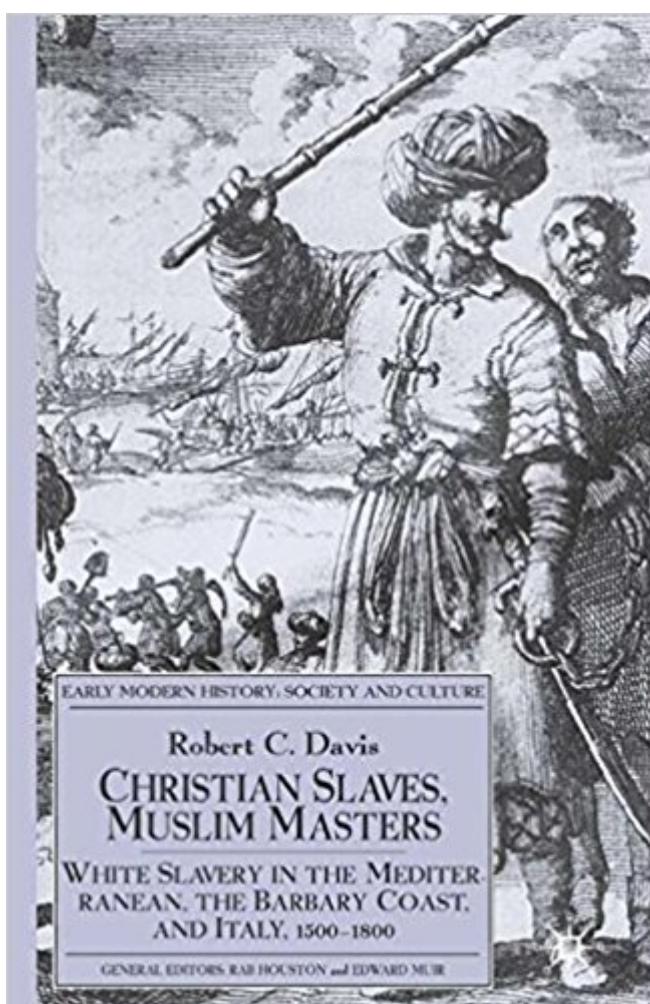


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# **Christian Slaves, Muslim Masters: White Slavery In The Mediterranean, The Barbary Coast, And Italy, 1500-1800 (Early Modern History: Society And Culture)**





## **Synopsis**

This is a study that digs deeply into this 'other' slavery, the bondage of Europeans by North-African Muslims that flourished during the same centuries as the heyday of the trans-Atlantic trade from sub-Saharan Africa to the Americas. Here are explored the actual extent of Barbary Coast slavery, the dynamic relationship between master and slave, and the effects of this slaving on Italy, one of the slave takers' primary targets and victims.

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Islam had African slavery down to a science hundreds of years before an African ever saw a European, and continues to openly practice slavery today. And...surprise....Muslims enslaved Europeans too. Ask Thomas Jefferson. He was infuriated in 1800 that the US was paying 20% of its annual government revenue in ransom and tribute to the Barbary pirates! Enter the Marines. Anyway, this book contains another part of the story.

History that few Americans know.

Scholarly but readable, this book leaves little doubt that through the 1700s and 1800s, more than a million white people were abducted from fishing boats and coastal towns in Italy, Spain, France, and England. Ruthlessly enslaved, most of them died from ill-treatment. Their owners were predominantly black and muslim, along the north coast of Africa. Politically incorrect, which means that it is all the more important as a document.

This was a book that needed to be written and should be read to understand the extensive history of slavery and how it touched not only African but European lives and history. While the major focus is on the million and half Europeans who were enslaved by Muslims, the author hints at how widespread slavery was from 1500 to 1800, particularly white slavery. This is a subject that demands further inquiry.

A part of history we don't hear about, but should.

This is an important reminder of the evolution of slavery, the abuse which accompanied it and the economic benefits to the Middle East and India before the enslavement of Africans.

Lots and lots of facts. Rather dry but the point is it should be taught in the schools.

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