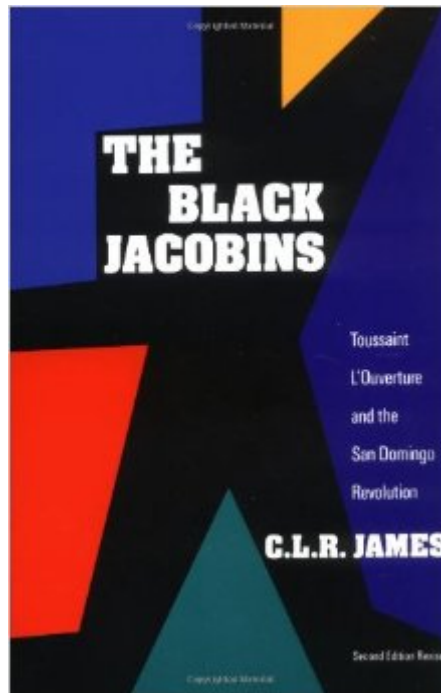


The book was found

The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture And The San Domingo Revolution



Synopsis

A classic and impassioned account of the first revolution in the Third World. This powerful, intensely dramatic book is the definitive account of the Haitian Revolution of 1794-1803, a revolution that began in the wake of the Bastille but became the model for the Third World liberation movements from Africa to Cuba. It is the story of the French colony of San Domingo, a place where the brutality of master toward slave was commonplace and ingeniously refined. And it is the story of a barely literate slave named Toussaint L'Ouverture, who led the black people of San Domingo in a successful struggle against successive invasions by overwhelming French, Spanish, and English forces and in the process helped form the first independent nation in the Caribbean.

Book Information

Paperback: 448 pages

Publisher: Vintage; 2 edition (October 23, 1989)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0679724672

ISBN-13: 978-0679724674

Product Dimensions: 5.1 x 0.8 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (68 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #19,272 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #1 in [Books > History > Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Dominican Republic](#) #1 in [Books > History > Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Haiti](#) #85 in [Books > History > Americas > United States > African Americans > Discrimination & Racism](#)

Customer Reviews

James delivers an exquisitely descriptive account of the only slave revolt that ultimately led to the founding of a black republic in the heart of the Caribbean. This well-written book reads like prose making it an easy read. James does an excellent job of letting the reader know who the players in San Domingo were before and during the revolution including - the big whites (planters); small whites (artisans and professionals); mulattoes and blacks. The psychological make-up and desires of each class is fully explained so that the reader instantly understands why alliances between the groups were formed and dissolved over time and their effect on colonial government. The character of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the black general who led the slave revolt and administered the colonial government, is discussed throughout the book and insights into his thinking and perspective are

gained through his written correspondence and his governmental orders. This allows the reader to gain an in-depth understanding of L'Ouverture as a 3 dimensional persona. The book contains an excellent bibliography for reference. Black Jacobins however is not without some minor flaws. First, although James gives a good account of the desires of various sectors of French society, he fails to give as rich an account of the motivations and perspectives of the French statesmen operating in France. Second, James discussion of Dessaline, L'Ouverture's general who persecuted the revolt to its end, is not dealt with in the same depth as the other major personas. Other writers have undoubtedly covered Dessaline but it would have been nice to gain James' perspective. Critics of James have gone as far as to suggest that he subverts racial dynamics for class dynamics.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest Episode 3: Muffin Wars (Volume 3) The Barbary Plague: The Black Death in Victorian San Francisco Fidel Castro & the Cuban Revolution for Kids!: The Amazing and Controversial Story of Fidel Castro & the Cuban Revolution The Fracking Truth: America's Energy Revolution: America's Energy Revolution: the Inside, Untold Story The Green and the Black: The Complete Story of the Shale Revolution, the Fight over Fracking, and the Future of Energy The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo The Black Panthers: Portraits from an Unfinished Revolution The Rise and Fall of Urban Economies: Lessons from San Francisco and Los Angeles (Innovation and Technology in the World E) Frank Lloyd Wright and San Francisco San Francisco Coloring Book for Adults: Travel and Color (Volume 8) Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land Drinking the Devil's Acre: A Love Letter from San Francisco and her Cocktails The Zuni Cafe Cookbook: A Compendium of Recipes and Cooking Lessons from San Francisco's Beloved Restaurant Cooking My Way Back Home: Recipes from San Francisco's Town Hall, Anchor & Hope, and Salt House "Friends in Peace and War": The Russian Navy's Landmark Visit to Civil War San Francisco (Military Controversies) Rough Riders: Theodore Roosevelt, His Cowboy Regiment, and the Immortal Charge up San Juan Hill The Bohemians: Mark Twain and the San Francisco Writers Who Reinvented American Literature Paradise Plundered: Fiscal Crisis and Governance Failures in San Diego Painted Ladies Revisited: San Francisco's Resplendent Victorians Inside and Out

[Dmca](#)