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Schama not only writes in a detailed, factual manner, but he also is very descriptive.

## Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves and the American Revolution by Simon Schama

Unfortunately, the author paints this one in such a way that American attitudes, behavior, and antislavery efforts are largely dismissed and English equivalents over-lauded. Schama spends little time on the horrifying slave experience on the English sugar islands. They looked to the ex-slave population barely clinging to existence in Nova Scotia as a potentially better candidate for resettlement. In 2007, Headlong Theatre produced a stage adaptation, adapted by , which toured the UK.

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The truth is the apex to which the writer; whether historian, novelist or philosopher, must aim. This mass movement lasted as long as the war did, and a military strategy originally designed to break the plantations of the American South had unleashed one of the great exoduses in American history.

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However, a movement to abolish the slave trade was gathering momentum in Britain, one result of which was the establishment of the state of Sierra Leone in West Africa as a home for many of these formerly enslaved people and their families.

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While that notion might have interesting implications for a separate study, Schama is content merely to report the fact without comment. Occasionally one must allow him some patience to develop and describe diverse narrative arcs -- but he never fails to gather loose strings together in meaningful points and observations. This caused many ill feelings, petitions, Clarkson's firing from the Company, and a rebellion put down by the Royal Navy.

### **Was the American Revolution Fought to Save Slavery?**

This mass movement lasted as long as the war did, and a military strategy originally designed to break the plantations of the American South had unleashed one of the great exoduses in American history. Granville Sharp felt this was a perfect place for black slaves. Historian Simon Schama has taken up that question in his new book, *Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves, and the American Revolution*.

### **Rough Crossings: Britain, the Slaves and the American Revolution**

It appears that plantation owners in the South rose up against the British during the American Revolution as well as against the North during the Civil War to save their slave economy. In the southern part of the United States Atlanta, where I was raised after my father brought us from Alberta, Canada, I began to learn about our ancestors in Nova Scotia, little bits of the history of the province and of Africans in Canada.

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