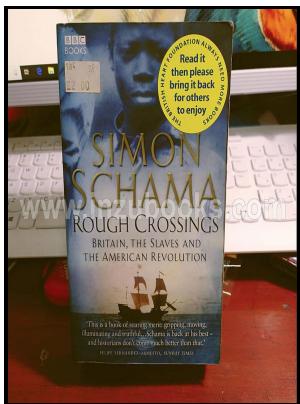


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Our histories always focus on the political debate of its legality -- nothing is said about the slaves hearing the talk of liberty, and the fears of the Founders about them being incited to want their own liberty. The second half of the book is about the ill-fated British colony of Freetown in Sierra Leone, set up as a Utopian community of ex-slaves, who were promised not just their freedom but the chance to set up their own laws, and elect their own black representatives.

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The wikipedia entry gave me some background. It is obvious that Schama has a great facility with the language, and that he loves drama. References Landers, Jane, Boston, 2010 Harvard University Press.

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James Walvin, in his Guardian review, stated: Parts of the story have been well rehearsed by earlier historians, but never like this. From Though historians have known this story for decades, expatriate British historian Simon Schama, a professor at Columbia, brings his narrative vigor to the account of America's first emancipation.

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Liberty did not apply to slaves and free blacks. Most of his information that I hadn't read elsewhere pertains to the legalities of slavery, but this is also the hardest part to read.

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One's understanding of American and British history of the revolutionary period cannot be considered complete without reading this most enjoyable book. As a lawyer I wanted more detail on the legal cases, but the story was well-told. I was amazed that I knew nothing about the British and their appeal to American slaves during the Revolution.

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The difficulty of that decision and the aftermath is spun in rigorous detail.

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They have to hire themselves out as indentured servants, and they become again, in a way, slaves in all but name.

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