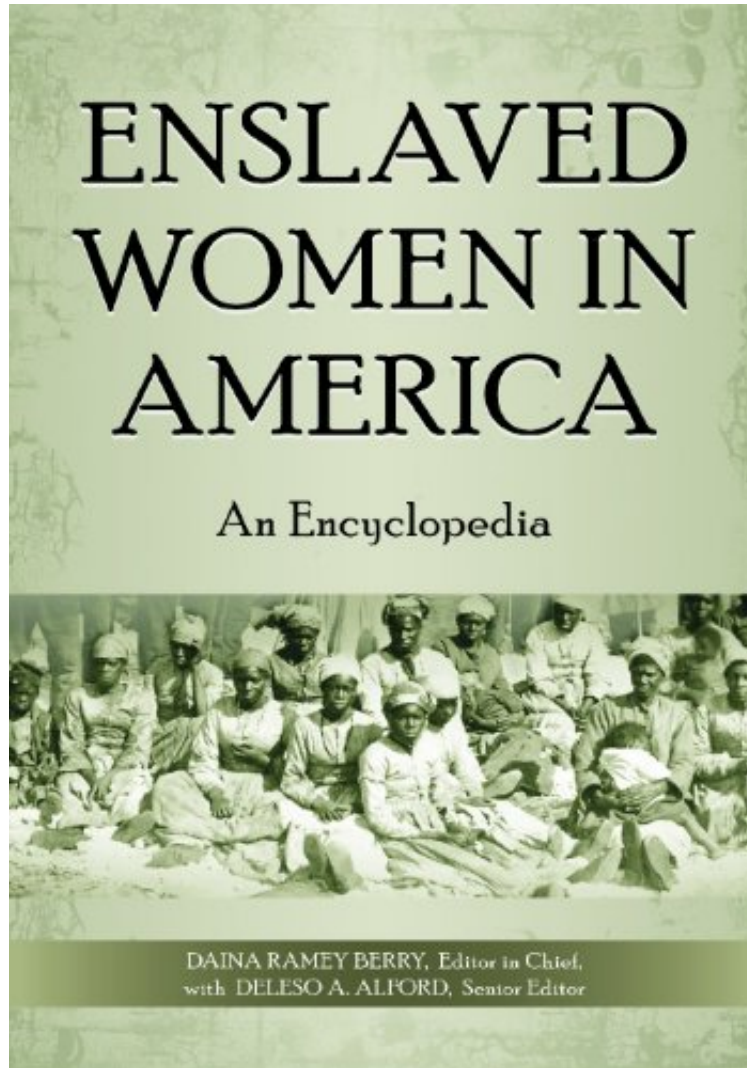


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From BooklistSlavery constitutes a central motif in U.S. history. Within that construct, women's roles have largely been marginalized except for a handful of critical personalities such as Phillis Wheatley, Sally Hemings, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman. This encyclopedia focuses on the conditions of enslaved African and African American women in America, from the colonial days until emancipation. Editors Berry and Alford are associate professors who have written extensively about gender issues. More than 70 authors, mainly associated with U.S. academia, contributed to the volume. A short preface introduces the work, followed by a five-page chronology of enslaved women in America. One hundred entries comprise the book's main section, arranged alphabetically. The one- to six-page signed entries detail various issues, ending with cross-references and suggested reading. The editors also provide a topical list of entries: Africa and the diaspora, biographical, daily life, gender and sexuality, geographical areas, resistance, rights, social and cultural practices, time periods, and work. A few black-and-white images dot the entries. Appendixes include a historical population census, a selected bibliography, a contributor list, and an index. The writing is clear, accessible, and somewhat feminist in tone. This encyclopedia provides valuable details about the often overlooked lives of enslaved black women before the American emancipation. Although other books cover this issue, the encyclopedia approach is unique. The only reservation is the title itself; a title such as Enslaved Black Women in America more accurately reflects the content. As long as readers realize the book's perspective, they can benefit from the entries. --Lesley Farmer "This is an interesting encyclopaedia covering both the history of slavery, and of women during this era, specifically how gender affected the personal and working lives of enslaved women, not just in relation to the enslavers, but within their own communities. This is useful for humanities collections, in particular for history and gender studies subjects, but anyone with an interest in the Old South, the American Civil War, the roots of feminism and the era of slavery would find this a worthwhile read." - Reference s"As a compilation of essays and documents significant to the history of enslaved women in the US, this resource will be valuable to a wide range of readers. Summing Up: Highly recommended." - Choice"This encyclopedia provides valuable details about the often overlooked lives of enslaved black women before the American emancipation. Although other books cover this issue, the encyclopedia approach is unique." - Booklist"Ranging in topic from branding to child care and from folk medicine to hiring out, these absorbing pieces are also well-written and approachable for a general adult audience and undergraduates through faculty. All public and academic libraries supporting American history, African American studies, or women's studies programs should purchase this work." - Library JournalAbout the AuthorDaina Ramey Berry, PhD, is associate professor of history at the University of Texas in Austin. Deleso A. Alford is associate professor of law at Florida AM University College of Law in Orlando.