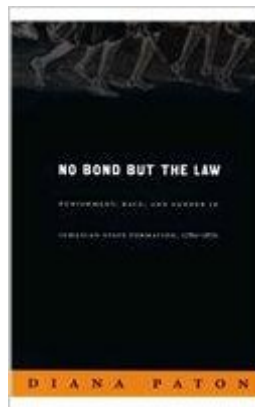




The book was found

No Bond But The Law: Punishment, Race, And Gender In Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870



Synopsis

Investigating the cultural social and political histories of punishment during ninety years surrounding the 1838 abolition of slavery in Jamaica, Diana Paton challenges standard historiographies of slavery and discipline. The abolition of slavery in Jamaica, as elsewhere, entailed the termination of slaveholders' legal right to use violence-which they defined as punishment-against those they had held as slaves. Paton argues that, while slave emancipation involved major changes in the organization and representation involved major changes in the organization and representation of punishment, there was no straightforward transition from corporal punishment to the prison or from privately inflicted to state-controlled punishment. Contesting the dichotomous understanding of pre-modern and modern modes of power that currently dominates the historiography of punishment, she offers critical readings of influential theories of power and resistance, including those of Michel Foucault, Pierre Bourdieu and Ranajit Guha. *No Bond but the Law* reveals the longstanding and intimate relationship between state formation and private punishment. The construction of a dense, state-organized systems of prisons began not with emancipation but at the peak of slave-based wealth in Jamaica in the 1780s. Jamaica provided the paradigmatic case for British observers imagining and evaluating the emancipation process. Paton's analysis moves between imperial processes on the one hand and Jamaican specificities on the other, within a framework comparing developments regarding punishment in Jamaica with those in the US South and elsewhere. Emphasizing the gendered nature of penal policy and practice throughout the emancipation period, Paton is attentive to the ways in which the actions of ordinary Jamaicans and, in particular, of women prisoners, shaped state decisions.

Book Information

Paperback: 300 pages

Publisher: University of the West Indies Press (January 1, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 9766401616

ISBN-13: 978-9766401610

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #559,286 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #29 in Books > History >

Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Jamaica #740 in Books > Law > Legal History #3592 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Criminology

Customer Reviews

"No Bond but the Law is one of the most interesting and intellectually ambitious works of scholarship to be published in the field of slave and emancipation studies in recent years. Diana Paton...takes several important conceptual matters and historiographies...and puts them together in a remarkably compelling and original way."

""No Bond but the Law" is a model of research procedure and historical writing."--Sidney Mintz, author of "Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Paton looks at an ignored aspect of emancipation. Not in the US, as an American reader might first expect. But in Jamaica, where it occurred in 1838. Unlike the US, there was no uprising by slave owners. An immediate contrast. However, what then ensues has been largely forgotten, relegated to obscure records that Paton dug up. She describes how the legal system then evolved, in order to control the newly freed slaves. The system was dominated by the white educated elite.

Machinations then arose, whose net effect was to hold down any unrest. Now described in terms of law and order, with no overt evocation of slavery or serfdom. I read this from an unusual angle. The science fiction author S M Stirling described an alternate history, where South African whites in the 19th century obtained effective independence from British rule. But were forced to abandon the direct use of slavery. Stirling's story describes how they changed to the use of serfs, slaves in all but name. Reading Paton's narrative of Jamaica suggests in detail how this might have been done.

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

No Bond But the Law: Punishment, Race, and Gender in Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870
Easy Jamaican Cookbook: 50 Unique and Authentic Jamaican Recipes (Jamaican Cookbook, Jamaican Recipes, Jamaican Cooking, West Indian Cookbook, West Indian Recipes, West Indian Cooking Book 1)
Most Popular Jamaican Recipes Quick and Easy: A Jamaican Cookbook of 26 Fantastic Recipes That Are Essential To Jamaican Cooking
The Floridas: The Sunshine State * The Alligator State * The Everglade State * The Orange State * The Flower State * The Peninsula State * The Gulf State
Hawaiian National Bibliography, 1780-1900: Volume 1: 1780-1830
Children of Facundo: Caudillo and Gaucho Insurgency during the Argentine State-Formation Process (La Rioja, 1853-1870)
Re-Visioning Family Therapy, Second Edition: Race, Culture, and Gender in Clinical Practice (Revisioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, & Gender in)
Jamaican Patwa No Problem: A

Tourist's Guide to Jamaican Language and Culture Jamaican American Thug Drama (The Jamaican American Thug Drama Saga Book 1) (Volume 1) Jamaican Recipes Cookbook: Over 50 Most Treasured Jamaican Cuisine Cooking Recipes (Caribbean Recipes) Jamaican Christmas Recipes: 21 Most Wanted Jamaican Christmas Recipes (Christmas Recipes Book) Jamaican Women: 21 Things about dating a Jamaican Woman Wisdom From Ole Time Jamaican People: Lessons From Jamaican Proverbs Easy Everyday Jamaican Recipes: How to cook signature Jamaican recipes in your own home West Indian Workers and the United Fruit Company in Costa Rica, 1870-1940: 1870-1940 The Strategic Bond Investor: Strategies and Tools to Unlock the Power of the Bond Market Step by Step Bond Investing: A Beginner's Guide to the Best Investments and Safety in the Bond Market (Step by Step Investing Book 3) Step by Step Bond Investing - A Beginner's Guide to the Best Investments and Safety in the Bond Market: Step by Step Investing, Volume 3 The Bond Book, Third Edition: Everything Investors Need to Know About Treasuries, Municipals, GNMMAs, Corporates, Zeros, Bond Funds, Money Market Funds, and More (Professional Finance & Investment) INKLINGS colouring book by Tanya Bond: Coloring book for adults & children, featuring 24 single sided fantasy art illustrations by Tanya Bond. In this ... & other charming creatures. (Volume 1)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)