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A breakthrough volume in the study of the material culture of the slave trade, this book is devoted to the archaeology of African life on both sides of the Atlantic and highlights the importance of historical archaeology in completing the historical records of the Atlantic world's Africans. *Archaeology of Atlantic Africa and the African Diaspora* presents a diverse, richly textured picture of Africans' experiences during the era of the Atlantic slave trade and offers the most comprehensive explanation of how African lives became entangled with the creation of the modern world. Through interdisciplinary approaches to material culture, the dynamics of a comparative transatlantic archaeology is developed.

The contributors address a wide range of topics: the incorporation of Africa into the Atlantic economy; the impacts of Atlantic slavery and merchant capitalism on African societies; the dynamics of African resistance to Atlantic slavery on both sides of the Atlantic; the everyday lives of Africans during the era of the Atlantic trade, under slavery, and in the post-emancipation era; African cultural production and the shaping of African identities in the Americas; African skills and knowledge in the making of American economic systems; the inter-group relations among the Africans, on one hand, and Europeans and Native Americans, on the other; and the social practice of archaeology of Atlantic Africa and the African Diaspora. Theories of power, agency, gender, ethnicity, identity, race, and political economy are central to the themes covered in the book. Methodologically, all the chapters emphasize the need to combine rigorous behavioral analysis of material records with landscape approaches.