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The Willie Lynch Letter And The Making Of A Slave



WILLIE LYNCH



Synopsis

The Willie Lynch Letter and the Making of a Slave is a study of slave making. It describes the rationale and the results of Anglo Saxon's ideas and methods of insuring the master/slave relationship. The infamous Willie Lynch letter gives both African and Caucasian students and teachers some insight, concerning the brutal and inhumane psychology behind the African slave trade. The materialistic viewpoint of Southern plantation owners that slavery was a business and the victims of chattel slavery were merely pawns in an economic game of debauchery, crossbreeding, interracial rape and mental conditioning of a negroid race, they considered subhuman. Equally important is the international nature of the European economic, political and cultural climate that influenced the slave trade. Within the time scale of African History, it was a relatively short period, a mere one and a half centuries from the most intensive phase of the Atlantic slave trade to the advent of European administration and dominance. Long before that the Slave Coast had been chartered by the Portuguese and the people off the area west of Benin, between the Volta River and Lagos, European traders traced a cultural history which linked them with the earliest Yoruba settlements to the north and eastern borders of Africa.

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Customer Reviews

My friends, I am a teacher of African American history and I have news for you. This "book" is a work of fiction. This "Willie Lynch" biz actually began as a chain letter in 1993, which Min. Louis Farrakhan read at the Million Man March. The follwing are quotes from Prof. Manu Ampim of Merrit College (home of the Black Panther movement) in Oakland, Callifornia to head off the often quoted response "So what if it isn't real, the essence of it is true"-"Some people argue that it doesn't matter

if the speech is fact or fiction, because white people did use tactics to divide us. Of course tactics were used but what advocates of this argument don't understand is that African people will not solve our problems and address the real issues confronting us by adopting half-baked urban myths. If there are people who know that the Lynch speech is fictional, yet continue to promote it in order to "wake us up," then we should be very suspicious of these people, who lack integrity and will openly violate trust and willingly lie to our community.""Even if the Willie Lynch mythology were true, the speech is focused on what white slaveholders were doing, and there is no plan, program, or any agenda items for Black people to implement. It is ludicrous to give god-like powers to one white man who allegedly gave a single speech almost 300 years ago, and claim that this is the main reason why Black people have problems among ourselves today! Unfortunately, too often Black people would rather believe a simple and convenient myth, rather than spend the time studying and understanding a situation. Too many of our people want a one-page, simplified Ripley's Believe It or Not explanation of "what happened.

Being a book that delves much from the Willie Lynch letter, not much value can be gained from it seeing how the letter itself is a fake. While it may seem to many folks who knows of it being fake & reading this as a "water is wet" breakdown, also note that there's still a large number of folks who (a) just now discovered that this is a fake and thus (b) may not discover the truth right away since the search results for Google still points to many references of this being "real". Being a letter from "1712" nothing about the writing style suggests that in the least, read a couple letters/books of stuff written back then and then read this again. Especially evident by the fact it uses words/references/phrases not in existence until decades or centuries later (e.g. foolproof & refueling are 20th century, reference to "Black" people which is a word that came circa 1960s - not in 1700s when colored or negro was the word of choice to describe our ancestors, etc.). And the only Willie Lynch who had any impact on slavery would not have been speaking favorably for a monarch such as King James (who was long dead by 1712, Queen Anne was the ruler by that time - not a fact a person using 20th century grammar would bother with but I digress) for the real Willie Lynch born in the 1740s (30 years after 1712)And for those making the argument that there's some truth to this letter so "there's still some value to it", the same can be said for Abraham Lincoln The Vampire Slayer being an actual historical account since... well... Abe really existed in this place we call America. Seriously, no scholar uses historical fiction as arguing points for serious debates - why continue to do the same for this letter even when pointing out the fact that... well.. it's fake.

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