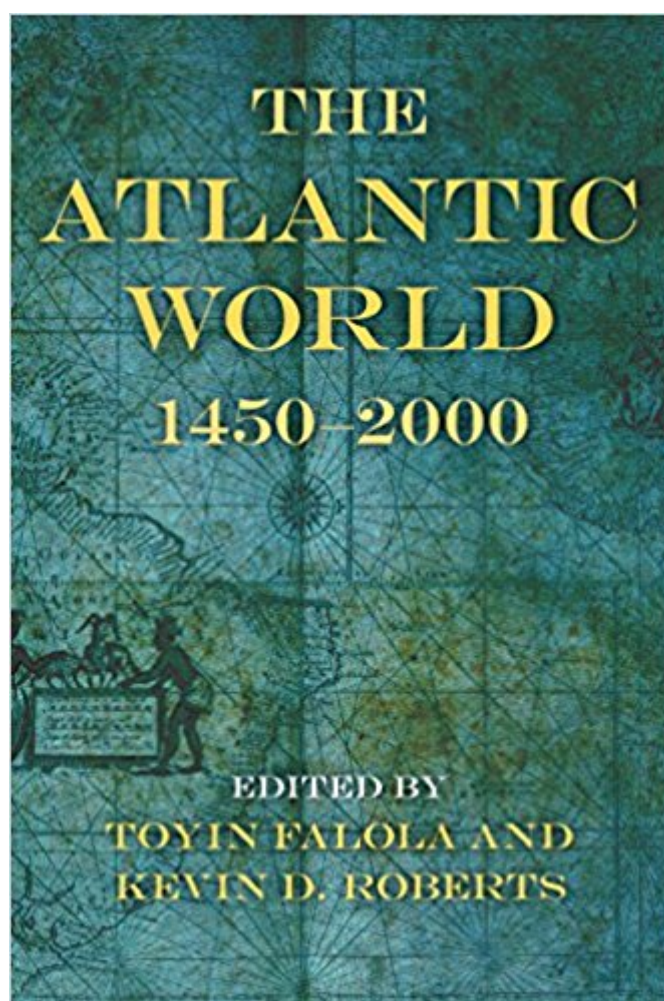


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# The Atlantic World: 1450–2000 (Blacks In The Diaspora)



## Synopsis

This ambitious work provides an overview of the Atlantic world, since the 15th century, by exploring the major themes that define the study of this region. Contact with Europeans in Africa and the Americas, the slave trade, gender and race in the early Atlantic world, independence movements in Africa, Caribbean nationalism, and gender and identity in the 20th century are just a few subjects discussed. Moving beyond the micro-histories of the scholarly monograph to connect the fruits of those researches with broader events and processes, this book, in the editors' words, makes "a concerted effort to re-connect elites and non-elites, Old World and New, early modern and modern, and economics and culture." It will be a point of embarkation for a new generation of students of the Atlantic world.

## Book Information

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The Atlantic World is an instant classic from the Preface to end of 15 magnificent chapters. The book was very well written by some of the most empirical minds of academia. There was only about one chapter that was somewhat hard to read due to the writing style of the specific author; however he provided some great additions to the overall book. This book exposed me to a vast number of concepts and ideas that were alien to me prior to reading its texts. The Atlantic World also helped reinforce and offer insightful details in certain areas where my level of understanding was general in nature. For instance I was not aware of the term "The Black Atlantic," especially in realm of historical context and the ramifications of the African Diaspora which setup and established 4 continents (Africa, North and South America, and Europe). The style of the book is an arrangement of essays, however there is sufficient continuity in order to transverse the annals of history, to arrive at the doorways of present time. The book starts with brief, however detailed moments of history prior to the arrival of the European on the shores of Africa, and the initial spark of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, while providing thorough discourse regarding the history of the Amerindians, Europe, North, Central and South America. The essay writers cover the historical developments of Europe, the Caribbean and South American Revolution. They also reintroduced me to David Walker's Appeal, Nyere, Frantz Fanon, Marcus Garvey, and a hold host of other freedom fighters of the struggle for liberation. This body of work is a must for students and professors of African Studies.

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