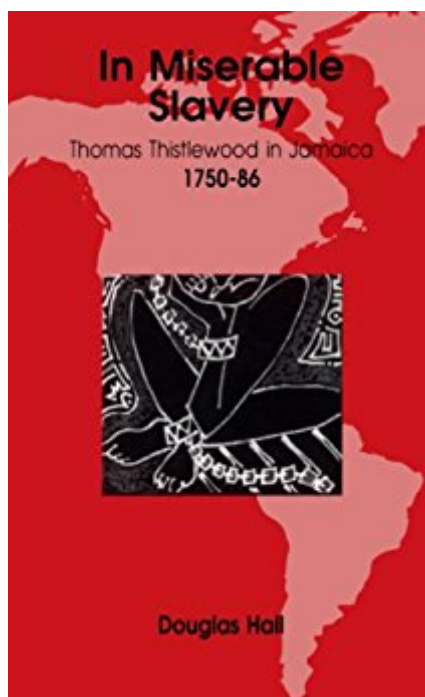


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Martin Bashir said a stupid thing and paid the price. I thank me for making me aware of this book. It documents in a dispassionate way the cruelty of slavery. Thistlewood saw nothing wrong with his actions because at that time they were the norm. Bashir's point that slavery should not be trivialized by comparison to conditions today is well taken. Too bad he could not have made the point in a less explosive way.

This book is about slavery in western Jamaica and it was very interesting for me. Having studied

history in high school and college was very surprised that this book was never a part of the curriculum. It was hard to digest some of the horrible acts that were meted out to the slaves. A good read if one has a strong constitution.

In his diaries Thomas Thistlewood gives us an unflinching view into the world of slavery in Jamaica. This review of his diaries is well written with explanations by Douglas Hall of many things that may not be understood by modern readers.

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