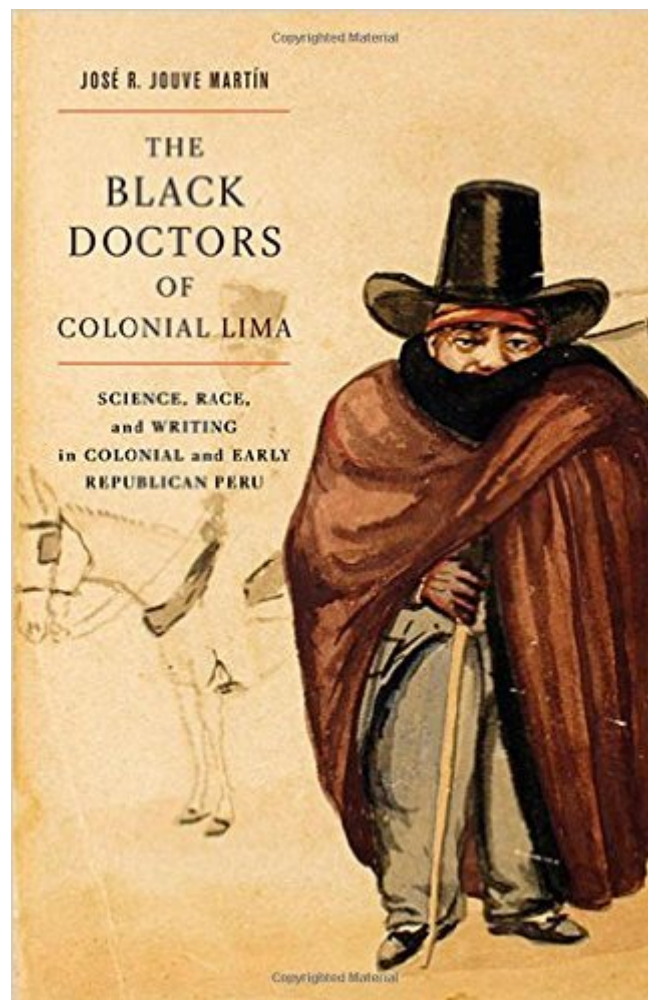


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In this groundbreaking study on the intersection of race, science, and politics in colonial Latin American, Jos   Jouve Mart  n explores the reasons why the city of Lima, in the decades that preceded the wars of independence in Peru, became dependent on a large number of bloodletters, surgeons, and doctors of African descent. *The Black Doctors of Colonial Lima* focuses on the lives and fortunes of three of the most distinguished among this group of black physicians: Jos   Pastor de Larrinaga, a surgeon of controversial medical ideas who passionately defended the right of scientific learning for Afro-Peruvians; Jos   Manuel D  jvalos, a doctor who studied medicine at the University of Montpellier and played a key role in the smallpox vaccination campaigns in Peru; and Jos   Manuel Vald  s, a multifaceted writer who became the first and only person of black ancestry to become a chief medical officer in Spanish America. By carefully documenting their actions and writings, *The Black Doctors of Colonial Lima* illustrates how medicine and its related fields became areas in which the descendants of slaves found opportunities for social and political advancement, and a platform from which to engage in provocative dialogue with Enlightenment thought and social revolution.

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