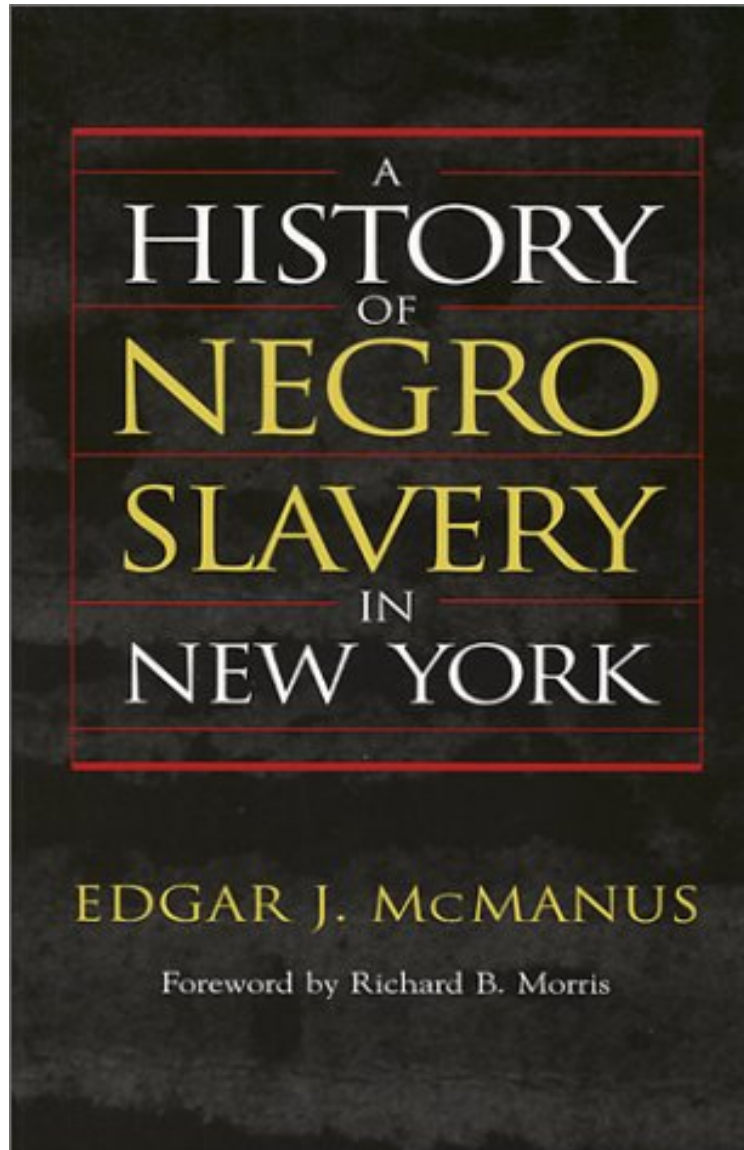


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An account of slavery in New York State, often thought to be a bastion of the antislavery movement, from the importation of blacks in the 17th century until its abolition 1841.

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