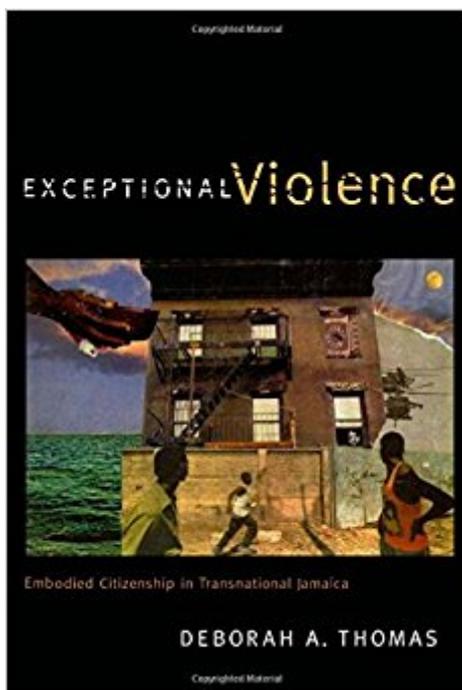


The book was found

# Exceptional Violence: Embodied Citizenship In Transnational Jamaica



## Synopsis

Exceptional Violence is a sophisticated examination of postcolonial state formation in the Caribbean, considered across time and space, from the period of imperial New World expansion to the contemporary neoliberal era, and from neighborhood dynamics in Kingston to transnational socioeconomic and political fields. Deborah A. Thomas takes as her immediate focus violence in Jamaica and representations of that violence as they circulate within the country and abroad. Through an analysis encompassing Kingston communities, Jamaica's national media, works of popular culture, notions of respectability, practices of punishment and discipline during slavery, the effects of intensified migration, and Jamaica's national cultural policy, Thomas develops several arguments. Violence in Jamaica is the complicated result of a structural history of colonialism and underdevelopment, not a cultural characteristic passed from one generation to the next. Citizenship is embodied; scholars must be attentive to how race, gender, and sexuality have been made to matter over time. Suggesting that anthropologists in the United States should engage more deeply with history and political economy, Thomas mobilizes a concept of reparations as a framework for thinking, a rubric useful in its emphasis on structural and historical lineages.

## Book Information

Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Duke University Press (October 5, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0822350866

ISBN-13: 978-0822350866

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.7 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 2.5 out of 5 stars See all reviews (2 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,061,182 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #41 in Books > History >

Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Jamaica #8001 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences >

Anthropology > Cultural #10066 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > True Crime

## Customer Reviews

Thomas' engagement with the transnational elements of citizenship is impressive. Her chapter on the Coral Gardens "crucifixion" of 1963 is particularly astute and well-researched; and her film on this event is also a good resource for students interested in this topic. However, her thesis linking embodied memory to Jamaica's problems with murder is the most dissatisfying element of this

book. I question the efficacy of research on a social problem that limits data collection to cultural documents and cultural productions; resulting in simplistic and unsubstantiated statements such as "most Jamaicans would casually root the proliferation of spectacularly performed murders in the consumption of North American films." Murder is a serious social problem that requires rigorous field research in the communities most affected by this crime, and it is unfortunate that this did not take place in this study.

You would love this book if you were in a program for a doctors degree. Too hard for the average person to understand unless they are going for a doctors degree.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Exceptional Violence: Embodied Citizenship in Transnational Jamaica American Studies as Transnational Practice: Turning toward the Transpacific (Re-Mapping the Transnational: A Dartmouth Series in American Studies) Exiled Home: Salvadoran Transnational Youth in the Aftermath of Violence (Global Insecurities) The Ultimate Guide to Getting Married in Jamaica Wedding Resource is Your Exclusive Access to Jamaica Wedding Secrets to Help You Have the Most Exciting Destination Beach Wedding and Honeymoon Ever! THE HISTORY OF JAMAICA FROM 1494 TO 1838 (JAMAICA INSULA) Gangs of Jamaica - The Babylonian Wars. (Jamaica Insula Book 6) Jamaica in Black and White: Photography in Jamaica C.1845-c.1920: the David Boxer Collection Jamaica Talk: Three Hundred Years of the English Language in Jamaica Neurobiology and Treatment of Traumatic Dissociation: Towards an Embodied Self The Path of Modern Yoga: The History of an Embodied Spiritual Practice Austen's Unbecoming Conjunctions: Subversive Laughter, Embodied History The Enlightenment Process: A Guide to Embodied Spiritual Awakening (Revised and Expanded) The Embodied Mind: Cognitive Science and Human Experience Everyday Revolutionaries: Gender, Violence, and Disillusionment in Postwar El Salvador (Genocide, Political Violence, Human Rights) The Batterer as Parent: Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics (SAGE Series on Violence against Women) Meditations on Violence: A Comparison of Martial Arts Training & Real World Violence Meth: America's Drug Epidemic (Exceptional Social Studies Titles for Upper Grades) Things Japanese: Everyday Objects of Exceptional Beauty and Significance Exceptional C++: 47 Engineering Puzzles, Programming Problems, and Solutions Apples of North America: Exceptional Varieties for Gardeners, Growers, and Cooks

Contact Us

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)