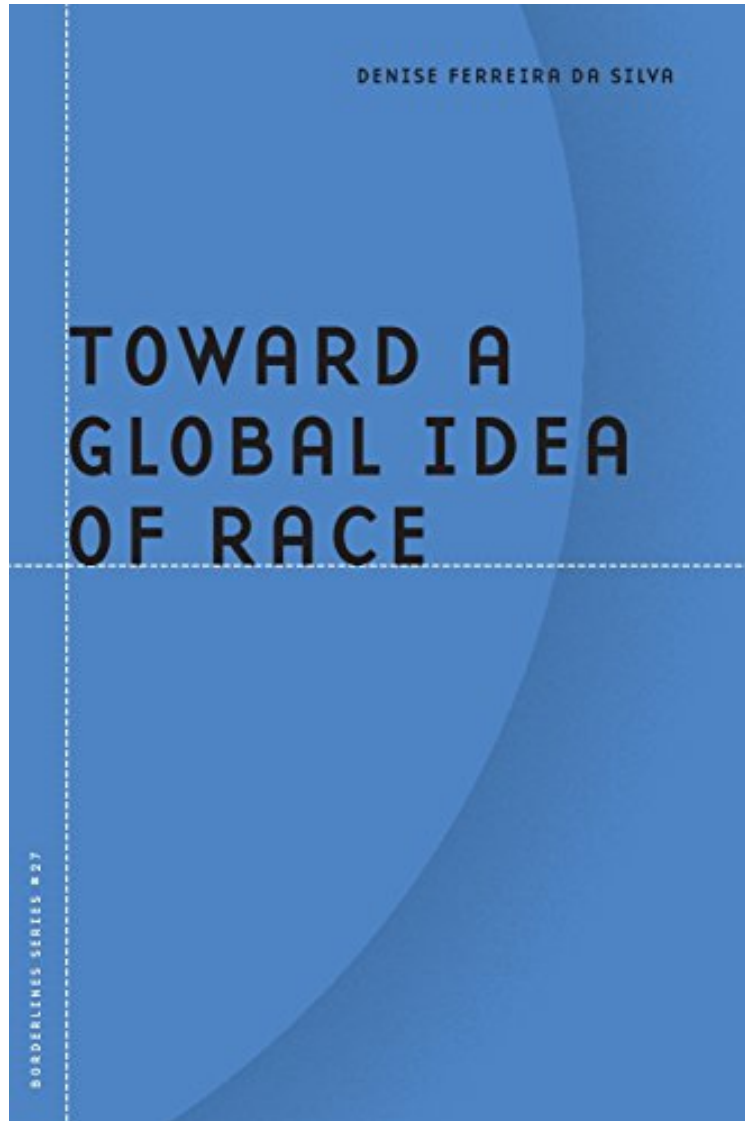


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A new horizon for thoughtBy T.N.This is a challenging, lyrical, pessimistic, impassioned work that I learned a great deal from. It takes on "globalization" from below, in this case, not the "below" of everyday life (as cheerleaders for globalization often do), but the "below" of the slave ship hold, the zero-point of the "affectable" and "engulfable" racialized body the author considers to be the basis upon which the

West -- and Enlightenment reason -- has extended its hegemony over the globe. The book refutes the oddly pervasive notion that race is a US obsession that doesn't matter to the rest of the world, and develops an original hemispheric critique of race. In the end I believe the book is too harsh -- or is read as too harsh by its enthusiasts -- on the Enlightenment, which has a more mixed historical relationship to empire, slavery and racialization than many seem to now believe. But on the whole a valuable and needed book.

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By Kim D. Denise Ferreira da Silva provides readers with a courageous, comprehensive, rigorous, and compelling critique of the reciprocity between race and globalism--as historically configured and deployed as well as its productive twenty-first century iterations. This book is, without any doubt, essential reading in the so-called, "post-racial" age.

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. An exciting book

By A. Morrill It is not an easy book but it is exciting. When I read several pages I find myself putting it down and writing because the ideas in this book are inspiring. For those interested, or passionate about social theory, ethnic studies and racial discourse, it is a must read.

In this far-ranging and penetrating work, Denise Ferreira da Silva asks why, after more than five hundred years of violence perpetrated by Europeans against people of color, is there no ethical outrage? Rejecting the prevailing view that social categories of difference such as race and culture operate solely as principles of exclusion, Silva presents a critique of modern thought that shows how racial knowledge and power produce global space. Looking at the United States and Brazil, she argues that modern subjects are formed in philosophical accounts that presume two ontological moments: historicity and globality, which are refigured in the concepts of the nation and the racial, respectively. By displacing historicity's ontological prerogative, Silva proposes that the notion of racial difference governs the present global power configuration because it institutes moral regions not covered by the leading post-Enlightenment ethical ideals: namely, universality and self-determination. By introducing a view of the racial as the signifier of globality, *Toward a Global Idea of Race* provides a new basis for the investigation of past and present modern social processes and contexts of subjection. Denise Ferreira da Silva is associate professor of ethnic studies at University of California, San Diego.