

CONTENTS

List of Voices, Illustrations and Maps vii
Preface ix

CHAPTER ONE	FIRST SIGHTS—LASTING IMPRESSIONS	1
	Elite Africans in Europe to 1650	2
	Enslaved Africans in Europe	6
	Discovering Europeans in Africa	10
	Southeast Africa, 1589–1635	17
	Kongo Cosmology	20
CHAPTER TWO	POLITICS AND RELIGION	25
	The Meanings of Religious Conversion	28
	Benin and Warri	31
	The Kingdom of Kongo	36
	Swahili and Mutapa	43
	Ethiopia	45
	Conclusion	49
CHAPTER THREE	COMMERCE AND CULTURE	54
	African Trading Strategies	55
	The Eighteenth Century	61
	Language, Trade, and Culture	64
	Sexual Encounters	69
	Conclusion	75

CHAPTER FOUR	ATLANTIC IMPORTS AND TECHNOLOGY	83
	Evaluating Inland Trade	84
	Textiles and Metals	87
	Tobacco and Distilled Spirits	93
	Guns and Politics	97
	Economic and Social Consequences	106
CHAPTER FIVE	AFRICANS IN EUROPE, 1650–1850	115
	African Delegates and Students	118
	Servants High and Low in Continental Europe	123
	Anglo-Africans	128
	Scholars and Churchmen	138
	Conclusion	148
CHAPTER SIX	PASSAGES IN SLAVERY	157
	Capture in Africa	160
	The Middle Passage	164
	New Identities	172
	Creolization	175
	Africanization	179
	Conclusion	184
	<i>Epilogue: Trends after 1850</i>	190
	<i>Commerce</i>	191
	<i>Culture</i>	192
	<i>Identity</i>	193
	<i>Index</i>	197