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For Land and Liberty is a comparative study of the history and contemporary circumstances concerning Brazil's *quilombos* (African-descent rural communities) and their inhabitants, the *quilombolas*. The book examines the disposition of quilombola claims to land as a site of contestation over citizenship and its meanings for Afro-descendants, as well as their connections to the broader fight against racism. Contrary to the narrative that quilombola identity is a recent invention, constructed for the purpose of qualifying for opportunities made possible by the 1988 law, Bowen argues that quilombola claims are historically and locally rooted. She examines the ways in which state actors have colluded with large landholders and modernization schemes to appropriate quilombo land and further argues that, even when granted land titles, quilombolas face challenges issuing from systemic racism. By analyzing the quilombo movement and local initiatives, this book offers fresh perspectives on the resurgence of movements, mobilization, and resistance in Brazil.

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Abbreviations

ABA	Brazilian Anthropological Association (Associação Brasileira de Antropologia)
ACONERUQ	Association of Rural Black Quilombo Communities of Maranhão (Associação das Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas do Maranhão)
CCN	Black Cultural Center (Centro de Cultura Negra)
CCT	conditional cash transfer programs
CECVI	Center for Culture and Education in Iguape Valley (Centro de Educação e Cultura do Vale do Iguape)
CEDENPA	Center for the Study and Defense of Blacks in Pará (Centro de Estudos e Defesa do Negro do Pará)
CEPCE	Center for Education, Professional Training, Culture and Entrepreneurship (Centro de Educação, Profissionalização, Cultura e Empreendedorismo)
CETESB	Environmental Company of the State of São Paulo (Companhia Ambiental do Estado de São Paulo)
CONAQ	National Coordination for the Articulation of Rural Black Quilombo Communities (Coordenação Nacional de Articulação das Comunidades Negras Rurais Quilombolas)
CPI-SP	Pro-Indian Commission of São Paulo (Comissão Pró-Índio de São Paulo)
CPT	Pastoral Land Commission (Comissão Pastoral da Terra)
CQBVI	Quilombola Council of the Iguape Basin and Valley (Conselho Quilombola da Bacia e Vale do Iguape)

EAACONE	Articulation and Advisory Team for Black Communities in the Ribeira Valley (Equipe de Articulação e Assessoria às Comunidades Negras do Vale do Ribeira)
EMBRATUR	Brazilian Tourism Institute (Empresa Brasileira de Turismo)
FCP	Palmares Cultural Foundation (Fundação Cultural Palmares)
IBGE	Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística)
INCRA	National Institute of Colonization and Agrarian Reform (Instituto Nacional de Colonização e Reforma Agrária)
IPHAN	National Institute of Historic and Artistic Heritage (Instituto do Patrimônio Histórico e Artístico Nacional)
ISA	Socioenvironmental Institute (Instituto Socioambiental)
ITERS	State Land Institutes (Institutos de Terras Estaduais)
ITESP	São Paulo State Land Institute (Instituto de Terras do Estado de São Paulo)
MDA	Ministry of Agrarian Development (Ministério do Desenvolvimento Agrário)
MNU	Unified Black Movement (Movimento Negro Unificado)
MOAB	Movement of People Threatened by Dams (Movimento dos Ameaçados por Barragens)
MST	Landless Rural Workers' Movement (Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra)
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NUTERLI	Freedom Route Tourism Nucleus (Núcleo de Turismo Rota da Liberdade)
PAA	National Food Acquisition Program (Programa de Aquisição de Alimentos)
PETAR	Upper Ribeira Valley Touristic State Park (Parque Estadual Turístico do Alto Ribeira)
PRODETUR-NE	National Program for Developing Tourism in the Brazilian Northeast (Programa de Ação para o Desenvolvimento do Turismo no Nordeste Brasileiro)
PRONAF	National Program to Strengthen Family Agriculture (Programa Nacional de Fortalecimento da Agricultura Família)
PT	Workers' Party (Partido dos Trabalhadores)
PVN	Black Life Project (Projeto Vida de Negro)

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SEPPIR	Special Secretary for the Promotion of Racial Equality Policies (Secretaria Especial de Políticas de Promoção da Igualdade Racial)
SEPROMI	Secretary for the Promotion of Equality of the State of Bahia (Secretaria de Promoção da Igualdade do Estado da Bahia)
SMDDH	Maranhense Society for the Defense of Human Rights (Sociedade Maranhense de Defesa dos Direitos Humanos)
TEN	Black Experimental Theatre (Teatro Experimental do Negro)

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