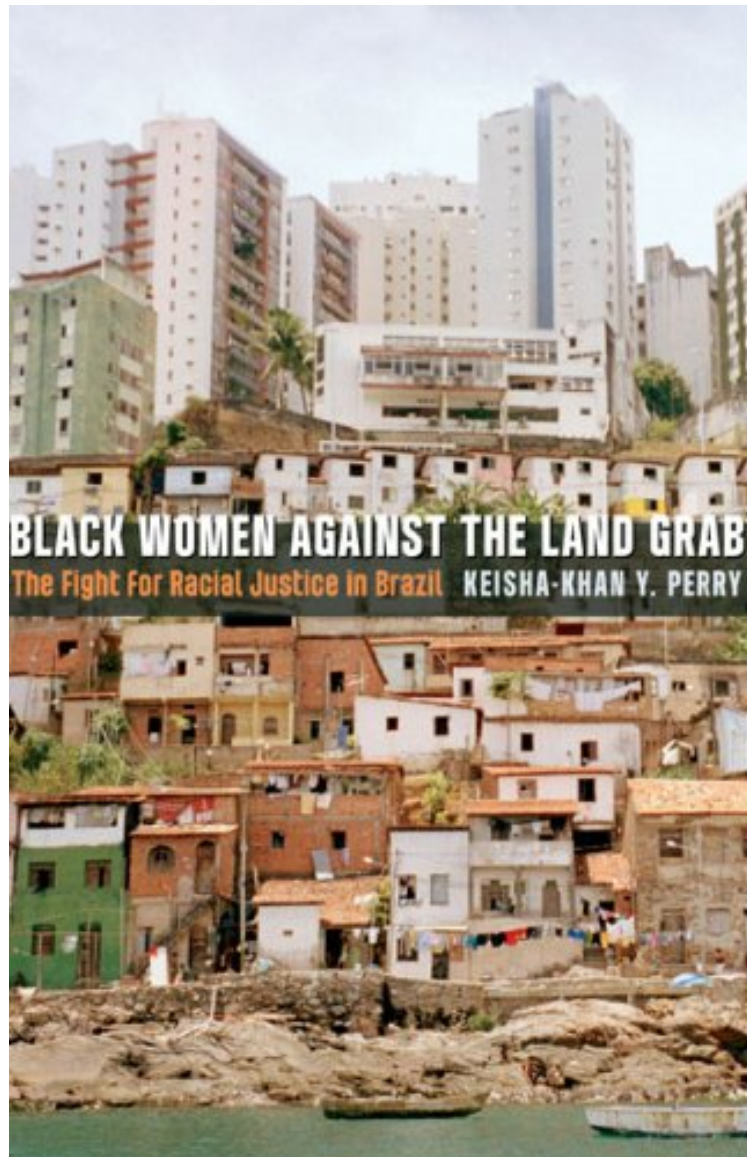


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"*Black Women against the Land Grab* makes a unique and overdue contribution to our understanding of social movements in Brazil. In a bold intervention from the tendency to ignore women's participation in struggles for land rights and access to basic resources, Keisha-Khan Y. Perry paints women as the categorical leaders in resisting development plans that amount to expelling poor, black communities from their historical homes. Her long-term involvement with the Gamboa de Baixo community in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, and unabashed advocacy for their cause, results in an electrifying ethnography that showcases the wry humor and perceptive analyses of grassroots community activists." Sarah Hautzinger, author of *Violence in the City of Women: Police and Batterers in Bahia, Brazil*