

# THE SHATTERING OF TEXAS UNIONISM



Politics in the Lone Star State  
During the Civil War Era

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# Shattering Of Texas Unionism

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## **Shattering Of Texas Unionism:**

The Shattering of Texas Unionism Dale Baum, 1998-12-01 In a rare departure from the narrow periodization that marks past studies of Texas politics during the Civil War era this sweeping work tracks the leadership and electoral basis of politics in the Lone Star State from secession all the way through Reconstruction Employing a combination of traditional historical sources and cutting edge quantitative analyses of county voting returns Dale Baum painstakingly explores the double collapse of Texas unionism first as a bulwark against secession in the winter of 1860 1861 and then in the late 1860s as a foundation upon which to build a truly biracial society By carefully tracing the shifting alliances of voters from one election to the next Baum charts the dramatic assemblage and subsequent breakup of Sam Houston's coalition on the eve of the war evaluates the social and economic bases of voting in the secession referendum and appraises the extent to which intimidation of anti secessionists shaped the state's decision to leave the Union He also examines the ensuing voting behavior of Confederate Texans and shows precisely how antebellum alignments and issues carried over into the war years Finally he describes the impact on the state's electoral politics brought about by the policies of President Andrew Johnson and by broad programs of revolutionary change under Congressional Reconstruction Baum presents the most sophisticated examination yet of white voter disfranchisement and apathy under Congressional Reconstruction and of the social and political origins of the state's Radical Republican scalawag constituency He also provides a rigorous statistical investigation of one of the most controversial elections ever held in Texas the 1869 governor's race lost by conservative Republican Andrew Jackson Hamilton to Radical Edmund J Davis which nonetheless effectively ended Congressional Reconstruction Through his innovative exploration of unionist sentiment in Texas Baum illuminates the most turbulent political period in the history of the state interpreting both the weight of continuity and the force of change that swept over it before during and immediately after the American Civil War Students of the South the Civil War and African American history as well as sociologists and political scientists interested in election fraud political violence and racial strife will benefit from this significant volume

**The Record of Murders and Outrages** William A. Blair, 2021-09-13 After the Civil War's end reports surged of violence by Southern whites against Union troops and Black men women and children While some in Washington D C sought to downplay the growing evidence of atrocities in September 1866 Freedmen's Bureau commissioner O O Howard requested that assistant commissioners in the readmitted states compile reports of murders and outrages to catalog the extent of violence to prove that the reports of a peaceful South were wrong and to argue in Congress for the necessity of martial law What ensued was one of the most fascinating and least understood fights of the Reconstruction era a political and analytical fight over information and its validity with implications that dealt in life and death Here William A Blair takes the full measure of the bureau's attempt to document and deploy hard information about the reality of the violence that Black communities endured in the wake of Emancipation Blair uses the accounts of far flung Freedmen's Bureau agents to ask

questions about the early days of Reconstruction which are surprisingly resonant with the present day How do you prove something happened in a highly partisan atmosphere where the credibility of information is constantly challenged And what form should that information take to be considered as fact      *Murder and Mayhem* James Smallwood, Barry A. Crouch, Larry Peacock, 2003 In the states of the former Confederacy Reconstruction amounted to a second Civil War one that white southerners were determined to win An important chapter in that undeclared conflict played out in northeast Texas in the Corners region where Grayson Fannin Hunt and Collin Counties converged Part of that violence came to be called the Lee Peacock Feud a struggle in which Unionists led by Lewis Peacock and former Confederates led by Bob Lee sought to even old scores as well as to set the terms of the new South especially regarding the status of freed slaves Until recently the Lee Peacock violence has been placed squarely within the Lost Cause mythology This account sets the record straight For Bob Lee a Confederate veteran the new phase of the war began when he refused to release his slaves When Federal officials came to his farm in July to enforce emancipation he fought back and finally fled as a fugitive In the relatively short time left to his life he claimed personally to have killed at least forty people civilian and military Unionists and freedmen Peacock a dedicated leader of the Unionist efforts became his primary target and chief foe Both men eventually died at the hands of each other s supporters From previously untapped sources in the National Archives and other records the authors have tracked down the details of the Corners violence and the larger issues it reflected adding to the reinterpretation of Reconstruction history and rescuing from myth events that shaped the following century of Southern politics      *Violence in the Hill Country* Nicholas Keefauver Roland, 2021-02-09 In the nineteenth century Texas s advancing western frontier was the site of one of America s longest conflicts between white settlers and native peoples The Texas Hill Country functioned as a kind of borderland within the larger borderland of Texas itself a vast and fluid area where during the Civil War the slaveholding South and the nominally free labor West collided As in many borderlands Nicholas Roland argues the Hill Country was marked by violence as one set of peoples states and systems eventually displaced others In this painstakingly researched book Roland analyzes patterns of violence in the Texas Hill Country to examine the cultural and political priorities of white settlers and their interaction with the century defining process of national integration and state building in the Civil War era He traces the role of violence in the region from the eve of the Civil War through secession and the Indian wars and into Reconstruction Revealing a bitter history of warfare criminality divided communities political violence vengeance killings and economic struggle Roland positions the Texas Hill Country as emblematic of the Southwest of its time      **The Tennessee Campaign of 1864** Steven E. Woodworth, Charles D. Grear, 2016-01-05 Featuring the longlost diary of Major General Patrick R Cleburne Few American Civil War operations matched the controversy intensity and bloodshed of Confederate general John Bell Hood s illfated 1864 campaign against Union forces in Tennessee In the first ever anthology on the subject *The Tennessee Campaign of 1864* edited by Steven E Woodworth and Charles D Grear fourteen prominent

historians and emerging scholars examine this operation covering the battles of Allatoona Spring Hill and Franklin as well as the decimation of Hood's army at Nashville. Essays focus on the high casualty rates among the Army of Tennessee's officer corps, the emotional and psychological impact of killing on the battlefield, and military figures such as generals Ulysses S. Grant and George H. Thomas among others. The U.S. Colored Troops fought courageously in the Battle of Nashville, and the book explores their lasting impact on the African American community. The volume includes the transcript of Confederate major general Patrick R. Cleburne's revealing lost diary, which he kept until his death at Franklin, and provides a rare glimpse of civilian experiences in Franklin, Nashville, and the Trans-Mississippi West. Two essays on Civil War battlefield preservation round out the collection. Canvassing both military and social history, this well-researched volume offers new illuminating perspectives while furthering long-running debates on more familiar topics. These in-depth essays provide an insider's view into one of the most brutal and notorious campaigns in Civil War history.

[The Union League and Biracial Politics in Reconstruction Texas](#) Carl H. Moneyhon, 2022-01-18. The Republican Union League of America played a major role in the Southern Reconstruction that followed the American Civil War. A secret organization introduced into Texas in 1867 to mobilize newly enfranchised black voters, it was the first political body that attempted to secure power by forming a biracial coalition. Originally intended by white Unionists simply to marshal black voters to their support, it evolved into an organization that allowed blacks to pursue their own political goals. It was abandoned by the state's Republican Party following the 1871 state elections. From the beginning, the use of the league by the Republican party proved controversial. While its opponents charged that its white leadership simply manipulated ignorant blacks to achieve power for themselves, ultimately encouraging racial conflict, the League not only educated blacks in their new political rights but also protected them in the exercise of those rights. It gave blacks a voice in supporting the legislative program of Gov. Edmund J. Davis, helping him to push through laws aimed at the maintenance of law and order, securing basic civil rights for blacks, and the creation of public schools. Ultimately, its success and its secrecy provoked hostile attacks from political opponents, leading the party to stop using it. Nonetheless, the Union League created a legacy of black activism that lasted throughout the nineteenth century and pushed Texas toward a remarkably different world from the segregated and racist one that developed after the league disappeared.

*A Continuous State of War* Maria Angela Diaz, 2024-04-15. From 1845 to 1865, the Gulf of Mexico was at the center of American expansion and southern imperialism. *A Continuous State of War* tells the story of several communities such as Galveston, New Orleans, and Pensacola, as well as countries such as Mexico and Cuba, to uncover the way that wars within the upper rim of the Gulf of Mexico facilitated American and southern attempts to conquer Latin American nations. In the push for westward expansion that preceded the Civil War, white southerners along with other Americans engaged in violent conquest in Latin America and the American West. Through the wars that are chronicled here, white southern concepts of race became more rigidly fixed. Maria Angela Diaz covers several conflicts leading up to the Civil War.

with Mexicans Cubans and Native Americans She places the Civil War within this framework and follows the trajectory of relations with Latin America through the end of the Civil War and ex Confederates attempts to emigrate abroad Gulf Coast communities facilitated both the physical efforts to seize territory and the construction of the highly racialized imperialist ideas that reimagined Latin America as a region that could secure the South's future Yet the pursuit of that territory created a fluctuating and uncertain situation that shaped the choices of the diverse peoples who lived along the upper rim of the Gulf of Mexico in ways they did not expect

*The Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846-1876* Roseann Bacha-Garza, Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, 2019-01-23 2020 Texas Historical Commission's Governor's Award for Historic Preservation was awarded to the Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools CHAPS at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley This book grew out of the CHAPS program Runner up 2019 Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Book Award sponsored by the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association TOMFRA Long known as a place of cross border intrigue the Rio Grande's unique role in the history of the American Civil War has been largely forgotten or overlooked Few know of the dramatic events that took place here or the complex history of ethnic tensions and international intrigue and the clash of colorful characters that marked the unfolding and aftermath of the Civil War in the Lone Star State To understand the American Civil War in Texas also requires an understanding of the history of Mexico The Civil War on the Rio Grande focuses on the region's forced annexation from Mexico in 1848 through the Civil War and Reconstruction In a very real sense the Lower Rio Grande Valley was a microcosm not only of the United States but also of increasing globalization as revealed by the intersections of races cultures economic forces historical dynamics and individual destinies As a companion to Blue and Gray on the Border The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail this volume provides the scholarly backbone to a larger public history project exploring three decades of ethnic conflict shifting international alliances and competing economic proxies at the border The Civil War on the Rio Grande 1846-1876 makes a groundbreaking contribution not only to the history of a Texas region in transition but also to the larger history of a nation at war with itself

*The View from the Ground* Aaron Sheehan-Dean, 2006-12-22 Civil War scholars have long used soldiers' diaries and correspondence to flesh out their studies of the conflict's great officers regiments and battles However historians have only recently begun to treat the common Civil War soldier's daily life as a worthwhile topic of discussion in its own right The View from the Ground reveals the beliefs of ordinary men and women on topics ranging from slavery and racism to faith and identity and represents a significant development in historical scholarship the use of Civil War soldiers' personal accounts to address larger questions about America's past Aaron Sheehan Dean opens The View from the Ground by surveying the landscape of research on Union and Confederate soldiers examining not only the wealth of scholarly inquiry in the 1980s and 1990s but also the numerous questions that remain unexplored Chandra Manning analyzes the views of white Union soldiers on slavery and their enthusiastic support for emancipation Jason Phillips uncovers the deep antipathy of Confederate soldiers toward their Union

adversaries and Lisa Laskin explores tensions between soldiers and civilians in the Confederacy that represented a serious threat to the fledgling nation's survival. Essays by David Rolfs and Kent Dollar examine the nature of religious faith among Civil War combatants. The grim and gruesome realities of warfare and the horror of killing one's enemy at close range profoundly tested the spiritual convictions of the fighting men. Timothy J. Orr, Charles E. Brooks, and Kevin Levin demonstrate that Union and Confederate soldiers maintained their political beliefs both on the battlefield and in the war's aftermath. Orr details the conflict between Union soldiers and Northern antiwar activists in Pennsylvania, and Brooks examines a struggle between officers and the Fourth Texas Regiment. Levin contextualizes political struggles among Southerners in the 1880s and 1890s as a continuing battle kept alive by memories of and identities associated with their wartime experiences. *The View from the Ground* goes beyond standard histories that discuss soldiers primarily in terms of campaigns and casualties. These essays show that soldiers on both sides were authentic historical actors who willfully steered the course of the Civil War and shaped subsequent public memory of the event.

[Alfalfa Bill](#) Robert L. Dorman, 2018-10-04 In this masterful biography Robert L. Dorman traces the career of William H. Alfalfa Bill Murray from his hardscrabble childhood in post-Civil War Texas to his remarkable ascendancy as a nationally known political figure in the mid-twentieth century. The first comprehensive portrait of Murray to be published in fifty years, *Alfalfa Bill* is both the exploration of a larger-than-life personality and an illuminating account of the birth of political conservatism in Oklahoma. As Dorman reveals, no political label readily fit Murray. The core conservatism of his Texas years was caught up in the ferment of three major periods of American reform: the Populist uprising, the Progressive Era, and the New Deal. Over his long career, Murray strongly advocated for states' rights, limited government, and strict constitutionalism, yet he was also a consistent foe of corporations and concentrated wealth. The society he sought was small-scale, decentralized, agrarian, and racially segregated. Although he claimed to represent high principles, Murray as a politician was an opportunist, loved a good fight, had a flair for the theatrical, and hungered for power. Dorman depicts Murray from his days as a political operative in the Chickasaw Nation to his leadership of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention and from the Speaker's chair of the Oklahoma legislature to the halls of Congress. The book follows Murray's quixotic attempt to found an agricultural colony in Bolivia and chronicles his amazing Oklahoma comeback in the 1930 gubernatorial election. The final chapters detail Murray's legendary term as state governor, his failed candidacy for president, and his emergence as a fierce critic of New Deal liberalism and racial desegregation. Unlike earlier biographies of Murray, *Alfalfa Bill* brings issues of race, class, and gender to the forefront, often in surprising ways. On the surface, the Murray saga was an American success story, yet his rise came at a price for Murray himself, his family, and the people of the state he helped to create. An indelible portrait emerges of an ambitious, domineering, relentless, and unapologetically racist figure whose tarnished legacy seems painfully relevant in America's current political climate.

*The Long Shadow of the Civil War* Victoria E. Bynum, 2010 In *The Long Shadow of the Civil War*, Victoria Bynum relates uncommon narratives about common

Southern folks who fought not with the Confederacy but against it Focusing on regions in three Southern states North Carolina Mississippi and Texas      **Knights of the Golden Circle** David C. Keehn,2013-04-15 Based on years of exhaustive and meticulous research David C Keehn s study provides the first comprehensive analysis of the Knights of the Golden Circle a secret southern society that initially sought to establish a slave holding empire in the Golden Circle region of Mexico the Caribbean and Central America Keehn reveals the origins rituals structure and complex history of this mysterious group including its later involvement in the secession movement Members supported southern governors in precipitating disunion filled the ranks of the nascent Confederate Army and organized rearguard actions during the Civil War The Knights of the Golden Circle emerged in 1858 when a secret society formed by a Cincinnati businessman merged with the pro expansionist Order of the Lone Star which already had 15 000 members The following year the Knights began publishing their own newspaper and established their headquarters in Washington D C In 1860 during their first attempt to create the Golden Circle several thousand Knights assembled in southern Texas to colonize northern Mexico Due to insufficient resources and organizational shortfalls however that filibuster failed Later the Knights shifted their focus and began pushing for disunion spearheading prosecession rallies and intimidating Unionists in the South They appointed regional military commanders from the ranks of the South s major political and military figures including men such as Elkanah Greer of Texas Paul J Semmes of Georgia Robert C Tyler of Maryland and Virginus D Groner of Virginia Followers also established allies with the South s rabidly prosecession fire eaters which included individuals such as Barnwell Rhett Louis Wigfall Henry Wise and William Yancey According to Keehn the Knights likely carried out a variety of other clandestine actions before the Civil War including attempts by insurgents to take over federal forts in Virginia and North Carolina the activation of prosouthern militia around Washington D C and a planned assassination of Abraham Lincoln as he passed through Baltimore in early 1861 on the way to his inauguration Once the fighting began the Knights helped build the emerging Confederate Army and assisted with the pro Confederate Copperhead movement in northern states With the war all but lost various Knights supported one of their members John Wilkes Booth in his plot to assassinate President Lincoln Keehn s fast paced engaging narrative demonstrates that the Knights influence proved more substantial than historians have traditionally assumed and provides a new perspective on southern secession and the outbreak of the Civil War      **Historical Dictionary of the Civil War and**

**Reconstruction** William L. Richter,2011-12-01 The importance of the Civil War and Reconstruction in the history of the United States cannot be overstated Many historians regard the Civil War as the defining event in American history At stake was not only freedom for 3 5 million slaves but also survival of the relatively new American experiment in self government A very real possibility existed that the union could have been severed but a collection of determined leaders and soldiers proved their willingness to fight for the survival of what Abraham Lincoln called the last best hope on earth The second edition of this highly readable one volume Historical Dictionary of the Civil War and Reconstruction looks to place the war in



its historical context The more than 800 entries encompassing the years 1844 1877 cover the significant events persons politics and economic and social themes of the Civil War and Reconstruction An extensive chronology introductory essay and comprehensive bibliography supplement the cross referenced dictionary entries to guide the reader through the military and non military actions of one of the most pivotal events in American history The dictionary concludes with a selection of primary documents This book is an excellent access point for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the Civil War and Reconstruction

**The American South** William J. Cooper Jr., Thomas E. Terrill, Christopher Childers, 2016-07-06 In *The American South A History* Fifth Edition William J Cooper Jr Thomas E Terrill and Christopher Childers demonstrate their belief that it is impossible to divorce the history of the South from the history of the United States The authors analysis underscores the complex interaction between the South as a distinct region and the South as an inescapable part of America Cooper and Terrill show how the resulting tension has often propelled section and nation toward collision In supporting their thesis the authors draw on the tremendous amount of profoundly new scholarship in Southern history Each volume includes a substantial bibliographical essay completely updated for this edition which provides the reader with a guide to literature on the history of the South This first volume also includes updated chapters tables preface and prologue

**The Road to Disunion** William W. Freehling, 2008-10-01 Here is history in the grand manner a powerful narrative peopled with dozens of memorable portraits telling this important story with skill and relish Freehling highlights all the key moments on the road to war including the violence in Bleeding Kansas Preston Brooks s beating of Charles Sumner in the Senate chambers the Dred Scott Decision John Brown s raid on Harper s Ferry and much more As Freehling shows the election of Abraham Lincoln sparked a political crisis but at first most Southerners took a cautious approach willing to wait and see what Lincoln would do especially whether he would take any antagonistic measures against the South But at this moment the extreme fringe in the South took charge first in South Carolina and Mississippi but then throughout the lower South sounding the drum roll for secession Indeed *The Road to Disunion* is the first book to fully document how this decided minority of Southern hotspurs took hold of the secessionist issue and aided by a series of fortuitous events drove the South out of the Union Freehling provides compelling profiles of the leaders of this movement many of them members of the South Carolina elite Throughout the narrative he evokes a world of fascinating characters and places as he captures the drama of one of America s most important and least understood stories The long awaited sequel to the award winning *Secessionists at Bay* which was hailed as the most important history of the Old South ever published this volume concludes a major contribution to our understanding of the Civil War A compelling vivid portrait of the final years of the antebellum South *The Road to Disunion* will stand as an important history of its subject This sure to be lasting work studded with pen portraits and

consistently astute in its appraisal of the subtle cultural and geographic variations in the region adds crucial layers to scholarship on the origins of America's bloodiest conflict. The Atlantic Monthly's splendid painstaking account and so a work of history reaches into the past to illuminate the present. It is light we need and we owe Freehling a debt for shedding it.

Washington Post: A masterful dramatic breathtakingly detailed narrative. The Baltimore Sun: **Blacks, Carpetbaggers, and Scalawags** Richard L. Hume, Jerry B. Gough, 2008-10. After the Civil War Congress required ten former Confederate states to rewrite their constitutions before they could be readmitted to the Union. An electorate composed of newly enfranchised former slaves, native southern whites minus significant numbers of disenfranchised former Confederate officials and a small contingent of carpetbaggers or outside whites sent delegates to ten constitutional conventions. Derogatorily labeled black and tan by their detractors, these assemblies wrote constitutions and submitted them to Congress and to the voters in their respective states for approval. Blacks, Carpetbaggers and Scalawags offers a quantitative study of these decisive but little understood assemblies, the first elected bodies in the United States to include a significant number of blacks. Richard L. Hume and Jerry B. Gough scoured manuscript census returns to determine the age, occupation, property holdings, literacy and slaveholdings of 839 of the 1,018 delegates. Carefully analyzing convention voting records on certain issues including race, suffrage and government structure, they correlate delegates' voting patterns with their racial and socioeconomic status. The authors then assign a Republican support score to each delegate who voted often enough to count, establishing the degree to which each delegate adhered to the Republican leaders' program at his convention. Using these scores, they divide the delegates into three groups: radicals, swing voters and conservatives, and incorporate their quantitative findings into the narrative histories of each convention, providing for the first time a detailed analysis of these long overlooked assemblies. Hume and Gough's comprehensive study offers an objective look at the accomplishments and shortcomings of the conventions and humanizes the delegates who have until now been understood largely as stereotypes. Blacks, Carpetbaggers and Scalawags provides an essential reference guide for anyone seeking a better understanding of the Reconstruction era.

*The Ordeal of the Reunion* Mark Wahlgren Summers, 2014-10-27. For a generation, scholarship on the Reconstruction era has rightly focused on the struggles of the recently emancipated for a meaningful freedom and defined its success or failure largely in those terms. In *The Ordeal of the Reunion*, Mark Wahlgren Summers goes beyond this vitally important question, focusing on Reconstruction's need to form an enduring Union without sacrificing the framework of federalism and republican democracy. Assessing the era nationally, Summers emphasizes the variety of conservative strains that confined the scope of change, highlights the war's impact and its aftermath, and brings the West and foreign policy into an integrated narrative. In sum, this book offers a fresh explanation for Reconstruction's demise and a case for its essential successes as well as its great failures. Indeed, this book demonstrates the extent to which the victors' aims in 1865 were met and at what cost. Summers depicts not just a heroic tragic moment with equal rights advanced and then betrayed, but a time

of achievement and consolidation in which nationhood and emancipation were placed beyond repeal and the groundwork was laid for a stronger if not better America to come

*Robert E. Lee* Allen C. Guelzo, 2022-08-09 A WALL STREET JOURNAL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR From the award winning historian and best selling author of Gettysburg comes the definitive biography of Robert E Lee An intimate look at the Confederate general in all his complexity his hypocrisy and courage his inner turmoil and outward calm his disloyalty and his honor An important contribution to reconciling the myths with the facts New York Times Book Review Robert E Lee is one of the most confounding figures in American history Lee betrayed his nation in order to defend his home state and uphold the slave system he claimed to oppose He was a traitor to the country he swore to serve as an Army officer and yet he was admired even by his enemies for his composure and leadership He considered slavery immoral but benefited from inherited slaves and fought to defend the institution And behind his genteel demeanor and perfectionism lurked the insecurities of a man haunted by the legacy of a father who stained the family name by declaring bankruptcy and who disappeared when Robert was just six years old In *Robert E Lee* the award winning historian Allen Guelzo has written the definitive biography of the general following him from his refined upbringing in Virginia high society to his long career in the U S Army his agonized decision to side with Virginia when it seceded from the Union and his leadership during the Civil War Above all Guelzo captures Robert E Lee in all his complexity his hypocrisy and courage his outward calm and inner turmoil his honor and his disloyalty

*A People's History of the Civil War* David Williams, 2011-05-10 Does for the Civil War period what Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States* did for the study of American history in general Library Journal Historian David Williams has written the first account of the American Civil War as viewed through the eyes of ordinary people foot soldiers slaves women prisoners of war draft resisters Native Americans and others Richly illustrated with little known anecdotes and firsthand testimony this path breaking narrative moves beyond presidents and generals to tell a new and powerful story about America's most destructive conflict *A People's History of the Civil War* is a readable social history that sheds fascinating light on this crucial period In so doing it recovers the long overlooked perspectives and forgotten voices of one of the defining chapters of American history Publishers Weekly Meticulously researched and persuasively argued The Atlanta Journal Constitution

*Bitterly Divided* David Williams, 2010-04-16 The little known history of anti secession Southerners Absolutely essential Civil War reading Booklist starred review *Bitterly Divided* reveals that the South was in fact fighting two civil wars the external one that we know so much about and an internal one about which there is scant literature and virtually no public awareness In this fascinating look at a hidden side of the South's history David Williams shows the powerful and little understood impact of the thousands of draft resisters Southern Unionists fugitive slaves and other Southerners who opposed the Confederate cause This fast paced book will be a revelation even to professional historians His astonishing story details the deep often murderous divisions in Southern society Southerners took up arms against each other engaged in massacres guerrilla warfare vigilante

justice and lynchings and deserted in droves from the Confederate army Some counties and regions even seceded from the secessionists With this book the history of the Civil War will never be the same again Publishers Weekly starred review Most Southerners looked on the conflict with the North as a rich man s war and a poor man s fight especially because owners of 20 or more slaves and all planters and public officials were exempt from military service The Confederacy lost it seems because it was precisely the kind of house divided against itself that Lincoln famously said could not stand Booklist starred review

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