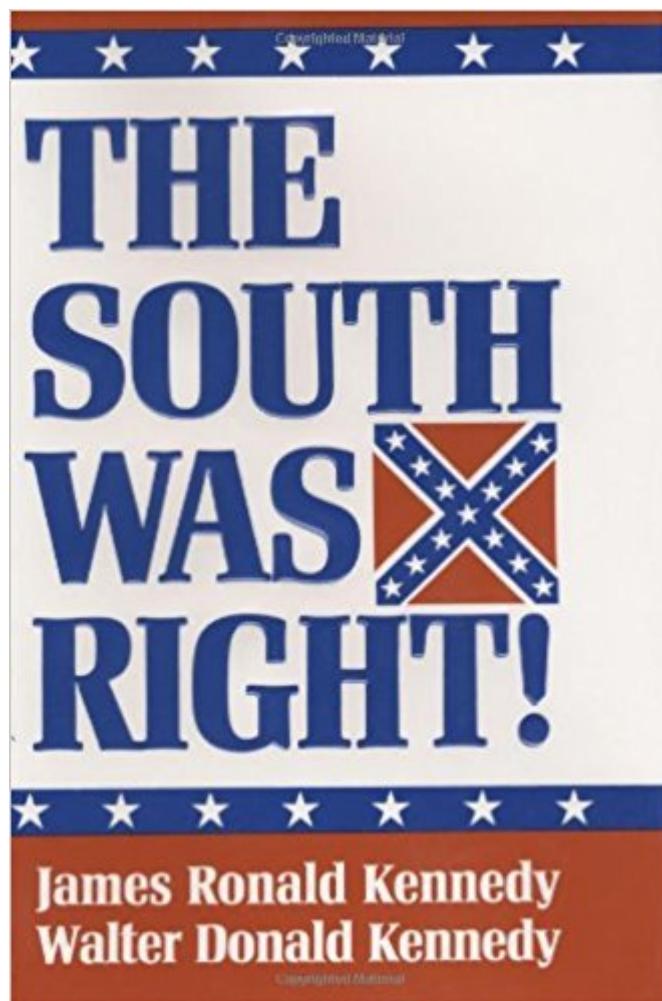


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# The South Was Right!



## Synopsis

An authoritative and documented study of the mythology behind Civil War history, clearly exhibiting how the South was an independent country invaded, captured, and still occupied by a vicious aggressor.

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"We definitely have a problem when children in the South are raised on the fables of 'Honest Abe' while they're taught that their own forebears were the villains of our country's history." - Michael A. Grissom, "Southern by the Grace of God" I think most of us realize that history is not a pure study. History is the story of mankind, and men have their prejudices; they pass their tales down to posterity laden with their own bias, and in the hope that future generations will support and perpetuate their way of thinking. We can see this truth at work in our own time. George W. Bush's presidency is not yet ended, and already the battle has begun to define it as either a success or a failure, and the conclusions being reached quite obviously reflect the personal political beliefs of those who are doing the evaluating. Objectivity is in short supply. Consider a few other examples from recent times: Was the Vietnam War worthwhile? Why did we lose? Was the the decade of the 1980s a "decade of greed", or a vindication of the free market? Do social welfare programs really help anyone, or do they just make people dependent upon the state? And is the government justified in confiscating the income of individuals in order to fund these programs? Was Bill Clinton's impeachment justified? Was the invasion of Iraq justified? Is it worth suppressing civil liberties in order to wage the "war on terror"? We as a society are at odds over such questions. What one

person will claim as fact, another will deride as partisan, special interest agenda pandering designed to cloud the issue. And how will future history view these questions and the great debate that surrounds them?

After purchasing the book through .Com and reading it, I could only wonder how many of the other reviewers had done the same! Yes, the authors refer to pro-union persons as Yankees frequently. I wonder if anyone has ever noticed how offensive the term "rebel" can be when used ad nauseam in a work? The authors do not use the term yankee with the vitriole other reviewers would have one believe but rather to call attention to the fact how desensitized our culture has become to the overly casual use of the terms "rebel" and "Civil War". Secessionist? Definitely. War for Southern Independence? Without a doubt. However, it will be odd to the enlightened observer that our culture commonly uses the term "rebel" as a perjorative, yet is offended by the same use of the collective "yankee". Truth be told, the war was not a Civil War, had it been, both armies would have fought for control of a central government. This was a war of secession, one nation (The Confederate States) seeking to remove itself from a separate, sovereign nation just as the colonies had done with England and King George ninety years before. The authors point out with authority and documentation that the Constitution of The Confederate States of America forbade the further importation of slaves. The authors further document and narrate that the majority of slaves were not beaten and ill treated by slave owners as others would have one believe and that, all things considered, slavery was not the primary cause behind the war, as race relations were, if anything, more strained in the north than they were in the south. The authors do a good job underscoring the fact that they are not pro-slavery nor do they advocate a return to such a system.

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