

Jane Censer: Bibliography

Nineteenth Century North and South

Bolton, Charles. Ed. *The Confessions of Edward Isham: A Poor White Life in the Old South.* The autobiography of a poor man published along with analyses by modern scholars.

Dew, Charles. *Bond of Iron: Master and Slave at Buffalo Forge.* Prize winning study of a Virginia valley iron works and its skilled enslaved workers.

Foner, Eric. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men.* The classic formulation of the Northern beliefs that became part of nineteenth-century Republican party ideology.

Harrold, Stanley. *The Abolitionists and the South, 1830-1861.* Focuses on antislavery activists in the South, especially Kentucky and Virginia.

Kolchin, Peter. *American Slavery, 1619-1877.* Generally considered the best overview of slavery in North America.

Lebsock, Suzanne. *Virginia Women, 1619-1945: "A Share of Honour".* Beautifully illustrated overview of changing roles for Virginia women.

Stevenson, Brenda. *Life in Black and White.* A case study of family life among whites and enslaved and free African Americans in Loudon County, Virginia.

The Coming of the Civil War

Revisionist: "Repressible Conflict"

Craven, Avery. *The Coming of the Civil War.* Blames southern hotheads and northern abolitionists for the failure to compromise.

Nichols, Roy. *The Disruption of American Democracy.* Follows the breakdown of the Democratic Party in the 1850s.

Different Civilizations:

Beard, Charles and Mary. *The Rise of American Civilization.* The Agrarian South vs. Industrial North.

Genovese, Eugene. *The Political Economy of Slavery.* Sees southern planters as pre-capitalist and anti-market.

Syntheses emphasizing ideological or generational factors

Barney, William. *The Secessionist Impulse: Alabama and Mississippi in 1860.* Points to youth of secessionist delegates.

Cooper, William J. *Liberty and Slavery: Southern Politics to 1860.* Shows how Whigs and Democrats competed in South as to which was better defender of slavery.

Freehling, William. *The Road to Disunion.* Argues the importance of Deep South radicals and their suspicions about slavery disappearing from the border states.

Civil War

Stephen Ash, *A Year in the South: Four Lives in 1865.* What the end of the war means to four Southerners, including a Virginia woman.

Ayers, Edward. *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863.* Uses data

from Valley of the Shadow to describe the war's meaning for a Virginia county and a Pennsylvania one.

Berlin, Ira. *Slaves No More: Three Essays on Emancipation and the Civil War*. _Explores how the Civil War became a war of emancipation.

Hauptman, Lawrence. *Between Two Fires: American Indians in the Civil War*. Focuses on the problems that war causes for Amerindians, North, South and West

McPherson, James. *Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction* A noted scholar's textbook of both Civil War and Reconstruction.

Neely, Mark. *The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties*. Prize winning study of Lincoln's approach to civil liberties in war.

Rable, George. *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism*. Explores the politicization of war on women and the problems it causes yeomen and poor white women.

Thomas, Emory. *The Confederacy as a Revolutionary Experience*. Shows how the experience of war ran against the states rights tendencies of the Confederacy.

Varon, Elizabeth R. *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy: The True Story of Elizabeth Van Lew*. Excellent exploration of why one Richmond white woman aided Union soldiers and supplied information.

Reconstruction and Beyond

Ayers, Edward. *Southern Crossings*. Short version of Ayers' exploration of late nineteenth century South.

Carter, Dan. *When The War Was Over. The Failure of Self-Reconstruction in the South*. Argues a lack of vision among white southern politicians and their failure to understand what North expected.

Foner, Eric. *Reconstruction*. Generally considered the definitive overview.

Litwack, Leon. *Been in the Storm Too Long: The Aftermath of Slavery*. _Focuses on the transition from slavery to freedom for white and black Southerners.

Lowe, Richard. *Republicans and Reconstruction in Virginia, 1856-70*. The modern account of the Republican party in Virginia before, during, and after the war.

Rable, George. *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction*. Explores incidence and meaning of violence.

Woodward, C. Vann. *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*. Classic study of the development of southern segregation.