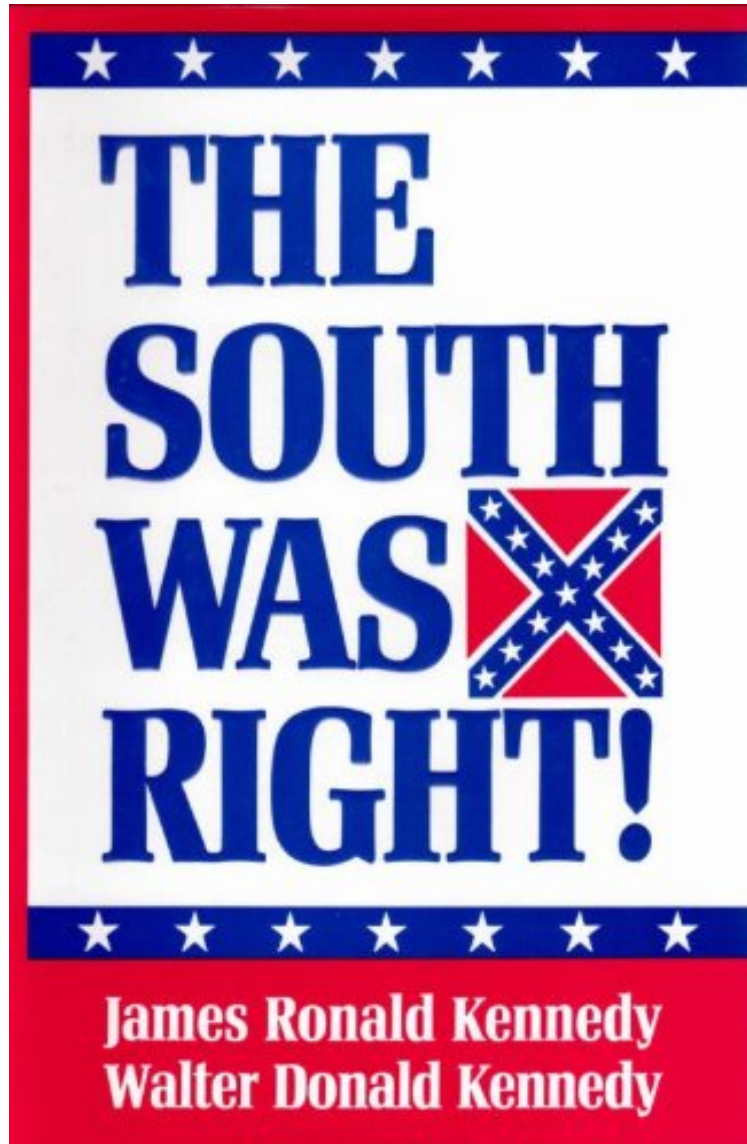


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Von James Ronald Kennedy, Walter Donald Kennedy : The South Was Right before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The South Was Right:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. High on Rhetoric and Low on Logic Von Ein Kunde This book is high on rhetoric and low on logic. The Kennedys blame the North for the slave trade and for everything from causing the poor conditions in many Southern states today to brainwashing Southerners into being happy that the United States is once again one nation. As a reenactor and student

of the Civil War (a term that the authors avoid in favor of "War for Southern Independence"), I am aware of the atrocities that northern soldiers committed upon African-American women. Yet, the Kennedys fail to mention the equally pernicious (and well-documented) war crimes committed by the invading Rebel army in Pennsylvania, specifically kidnapping African-Americans (both escaped slaves and free-born) and selling them into slavery in the South. The authors also ignore most of the quarter-century leading up to the war in the examination of its causes. Their diatribe against Yankee participation in the slave trade, for example, stops in the early nineteenth century, as it must -- finding New Englanders in favor of resumption of the slave trade in 1850 was almost an impossibility, but it was not difficult to find Charlestonians with such views at that time. The book also expresses the hope that, someday, the South will secede and reestablish its government. I don't see how this is possible, if the citizens of that region are as deluded by the wicked Yankees as the authors claim! Save your money, and buy Tony Horwitz's "Confederates in the Attic," instead. You will learn about the views of people today who believe themselves citizens of the Confederate States of America without losing your temper at those who take advantage of the First Amendment to slam the very government that protects its citizens' free speech rights.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is not for the faint of heart! Von Ein Kunde I agree with the book's back cover which tells us that it is "not for the weak of heart". If one is not able to discern between a well-documented, authentic, authoritative piece of historical research and a bigoted, paranoid, opinion-heavy attempt to recover an idealized past, they SHOULD NOT READ THIS BOOK. Punctuating their work with editorial comments and personal vendettas, the authors of THE SOUTH WAS RIGHT! shoot themselves in the foot by presenting even the most open-minded of readers with a one-sided picture of a romanticized South and of deified Southerners. Their weak attempts to tear down the image of Abraham Lincoln as one of our greatest presidents and replace it with an "Antichrist Abe" simply do not hold any historical water. To it's credit, THE SOUTH WAS RIGHT! does give us a pricelessly modern look at paranoia and stubborn pride that lead Southern leaders back in 1860 and 61 to abandon the tools of democracy that could have rescued their society from economic ruin and war. The Kennedys are more like their 19th century heroes than they think: they possess all the hotheadedness, self-righteousness, and desperation characteristic of their predecessors. In short, this book IS a must-read for anyone interested in the Civil War - as an example of the inability to see past their self-indoctrinization that led the South to war.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The authors are more biased than the Yankees they abhor. Von Michael J. Gelfand Donny Kennedy and James Kennedy sure do know how to write selective history. Despite the low rating I give this book, I do hope that most Civil War buffs will read it as it does force people to justify their views. The authors claim that most Civil War history is "propaganda" written by victorious Yankees. Yet, the most widely read military history of the war was written by Shelby Foote, a true Southerner from Memphis. Two movies on the AFI top 100, Birth of a Nation and Gone With the Wind, present a generally pro-southern view of the war. Right after the war, E.A. Pollard wrote an incredibly biased history called The Lost Cause which was not banned by the Yankees and is still in the bookstores today. In addition, you can find the papers of Jefferson Davis in any halfway decent college library as well as many other pro-southern accounts of the conflict. This book is not nearly as groundbreaking as the authors have us believe. In addition, I completely disagree with their views on Secession. The states clearly relinquished their sovereignty by ratifying the Constitution. The Declaration of Independence defined the characteristics of free and sovereign states: the power to levy war, declare peace, contract alliances, and establish commerce. The states are prohibited from each of these activities by Article IV of the Constitution. Article VI of the Constitution, the supremacy clause, states that no state law may conflict with a Federal law. It simply does not make sense to give states the power to secede when they disagree with national policy. Not a single Southern right was usurped by the Federal government in 1860. That the authors would even try and defend slavery is laughable. Some masters were benign, others were not. Yes, in some instances, I am sure slavery was more pleasant than factory work, but at least workers received some capital in exchange for their labor. The South clearly seceded to protect slavery. Simply look at the Declaration of Causes, which were corollaries to the ordinances of Secession written by South Carolina, Georgia, and two other states which I don't remember. In addition, in the ordinances of secession, Southern states refer to their collective group as the "slaveholding states". The fact is, 25% of all Southern families owned slaves. Slaves constituted 50% of the Southern population, and were a majority of the population in South Carolina. Anybody who says that slavery was not central to the Southern lifestyle is simply ignoring history. The authors describe the repressive measures of the Lincoln government dealing with dissidents, but they completely ignore the plight of Unionists in East Tennessee and West Virginia. The fact is, the South could not fully mobilize its supposedly loyal male population without conscription. Opposition to the war up North has been well documented, but historians have under-stated the amount of Southern white men who became disillusioned with the war effort, particularly after the Conscription law first allowed Plantation owners and anyone who owned 20 slaves to stay home. Perhaps the most inaccurate argument made by the authors concerns the blacks who fought for the Confederacy. Unfortunately, this myth is still perpetuated today. While a few blacks probably did fight with their masters, the practice was outlawed by the South until March of 1865, when blacks in Richmond were marched to the front at the point of the bayonet against their will and never saw any real fighting. General Patrick Cleburne was ostracized in January of 1864 when he dared suggest arming the slaves. Most of the slaves that revisionists tell us were

"soldiers" were really cooks or laborers working for the army. These men could hardly be described as fighting for the cause. In conclusion, the authors spread just as much misinfo as high school textbooks do. Was the North right in every respect? Certainly not, as I have major problems with Sherman's March, but the North's moral shortcomings do not elevate the South. Mike Gelfand

Kurzbeschreibung Much of Civil War history is untrue because like most history, it is written by the victor. The story we hear is that hundreds of thousands of Southern men went to war over an issue that only affected six percent of the population. Read this book and learn the truth: there was no shining Northern force fighting a moral battle for the sake of ending slavery; there was no oppressive Southern force fighting to preserve it; and after the South declared its independence, the Union ruthlessly invaded, leaving Southerners no choice but to defend themselves. Kurzbeschreibung Much of Civil War history is untrue because like most history, it is written by the victor. The story we hear is that hundreds of thousands of Southern men went to war over an issue that only affected six percent of the population. Read this book and learn the truth: there was no shining Northern force fighting a moral battle for the sake of ending slavery; there was no oppressive Southern force fighting to preserve it; and after the South declared its independence, the Union ruthlessly invaded, leaving Southerners no choice but to defend themselves. Synopsis Argues that the South was within its rights to secede and is still treated like a conquered land.