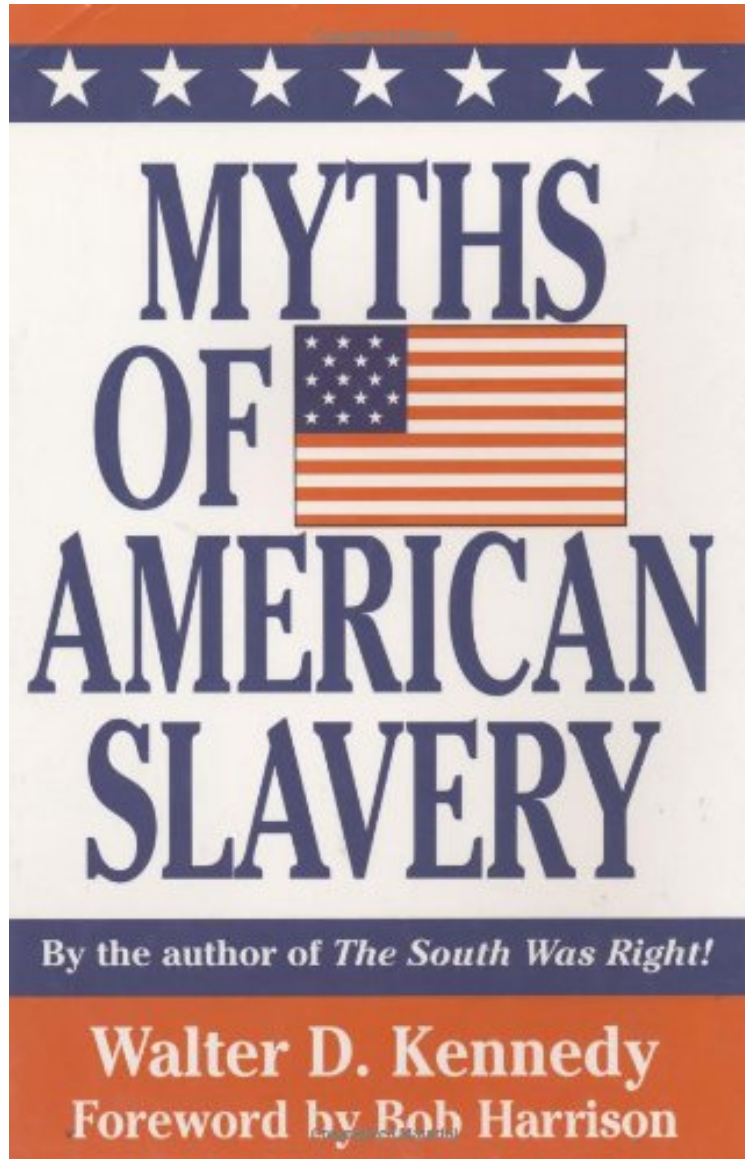


Myths of American Slavery

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American Radical Republic myths dissolve as you turn each page. I would recommend this book as required reading for all levels of education. Five stars for sure due to the author's obvious knowledge of the subject. Well done. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. May the truth come out...By christ2u4life This book is not just about opinions. This book is about undeniable facts. Hopefully people will read it with an open mind. 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An attempt to take the doublespeake out of slavery. By Paul Connors This book I not just a loose conglomeration of facts; but a serious academic effort to put some adult perspective into what has traditionally been a weak point in American education. Slavery was once a universal institution and the North only "got religion" and abolished it after it had no use for it except as a political baseball bat. The book will prove informative to both casual and serious readers. One point, the author makes is that slaves lived in a highly integrated way with the master's family and were often cherished and well treated friends. Today for political reasons, the only the mistreatment of slaves is acceptable. On a personal note I once mentioned to a Liberian friend that there is a tribe in Africa that got rich on the slave trade. Without the slightest pause he told me the name of the tribe (which I don't recall). Slavery mythology is now a serious part of our social dissolution, stirred and cultivated into hostility. America had better face these myths instead of taking them at political face-value. They are irreconcilable with a healthy social fabric and our national future.

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From the Inside Flap "No subject has been more generally misunderstood or more persistently misrepresented." -- Jefferson Davis Few issues have inspired as much debate, disgust, and dissent as that of slavery. While modern Americans are unanimous in their condemnation of slavery as cruel, unjust, and contrary to our nation's basic creed of individual freedom, it must be acknowledged that, until about 150 years ago, upstanding citizens legally bought and sold other human beings in the United States. This appalling contradiction has inspired a host of incorrect and unjust myths about slavery that have, over time, attained the widely accepted credence of historical fact. Armed with plentiful historical data, Mr. Kennedy reveals the truth behind these myths. First he corrects several general misconceptions about the history of slavery. Far from being exclusive to the American South, slavery has existed since prehistoric times and, unfortunately, persists today. Nor was slavery purely an invention of whites used to exploit black people; slaves have been taken, whether as prisoners of war or for purely economic gain, from and by many races. Kennedy also clarifies the Christian church's somewhat ambiguous position on the issue. While Christians did not organize slavery, the church also did not uniformly condemn it as a sin, as is popularly believed. Kennedy exposes the true extent of slavery in the Northern states, offering historical evidence to refute the myth that slavery was uncommon and had negligible economic impact in the North. He also proves that Northerners did not offer freed slaves equality and that the North ended slavery for economic, not moral, reasons. The heart of Myths of American Slavery answers the false allegations that continue to plague Southerners today. Since slavery was not a purely Southern institution, the South is not solely responsible for America's problems with segregation, discrimination, and racial tension. Myths of American Slavery is not a defense of slavery but instead a sincere attempt to defeat the spread of misinterpretations and misrepresentations that continue to bedevil race relations and contaminate America's political landscape. Walter Donald Kennedy is a history enthusiast as well as a fervent advocate of individual freedom. He has made a special study of the social and political impact of the Civil War and its continuing repercussions. A recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal of the National Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mr. Kennedy has explained his views on numerous radio and television talk shows, including the Oliver North Show and Politically Incorrect. Mr. Kennedy is the coauthor, with his twin, James Ronald Kennedy, of *The South Was Right!*, which is in its tenth printing and has sold almost 100,000 copies. The Kennedy brothers' other books, *Was Jefferson Davis Right?* and *Why Not Freedom! America's Revolt Against Big Government*, are also published by Pelican. Bob Harrison has appeared on CBS Evening News to discuss his role as one of the growing number of black members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He also participates in Civil War reenactments as a first sergeant with the Thirty-seventh Texas Cavalry. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Harrison is a branch library director with the Norfolk, Virginia, public-library system. He is married with three children. From the Back Cover From one of the authors of the influential bestseller *The South Was Right!* comes *Myths of American Slavery*--an unbiased history of one of the most controversial institutions affecting the United States. Over time, a host of incorrect and unjust myths about slavery have attained the widely accepted credence of historical fact, including: 1/2 slavery was a purely Southern institution; 1/2 the church condemned slavery as a sin; 1/2 slavery was uncommon and had negligible economic impact in Northern states; 1/2 racial discrimination and segregation are legacies of Southern slavery. *Myths of American Slavery* is not a defense of slavery but instead a sincere attempt to defeat the spread of misinterpretations and misrepresentations and expose the true historical facts about American slavery. "When Donnie informed me of his decision to write a book on the truth about American slavery, I was immediately intrigued."--from the foreword by Bob Harrison Armed with an open mind and a wealth of

historical sources, Walter D. Kennedy tackles the most common misconceptions and misrepresentations about slavery in America. Indeed, one of the first issues he addresses is the extent to which slavery flourished and persisted throughout North America, not just in the Southern states. Far from defending the unjust practice of human slavery, Mr. Kennedy calls for and contributes to a clear-eyed examination of this ancient, and regrettably ongoing, worldwide injustice. Fans of the Kennedy brothers, supporters of their best-selling book, *The South Was Right!*, or any person dedicated to discovering the truth behind the hearsay that often masquerades as history will applaud the publication of *Myths of American Slavery*. About the Author Born in Copiah County, Mississippi, Walter Donald Kennedy grew up with a rich Southern heritage. Frequently partnering with his twin brother, James Ronald Kennedy, he has written several books published by Pelican, including *Nullifying Tyranny: Creating Moral Communities in an Immoral Society*, *The South Was Right!*, *Why Not Freedom!: America's Revolt Against Big Government*, *Was Jefferson Davis Right?*, and *Myths of American Slavery*. The Kennedy twins have been interviewed on numerous television and radio programs, including Col. Oliver North's radio show, Bill Maher's *Politically Incorrect*, BBC programs, and French National TV. Kennedy is married with four children and lives in Simsboro, Louisiana.