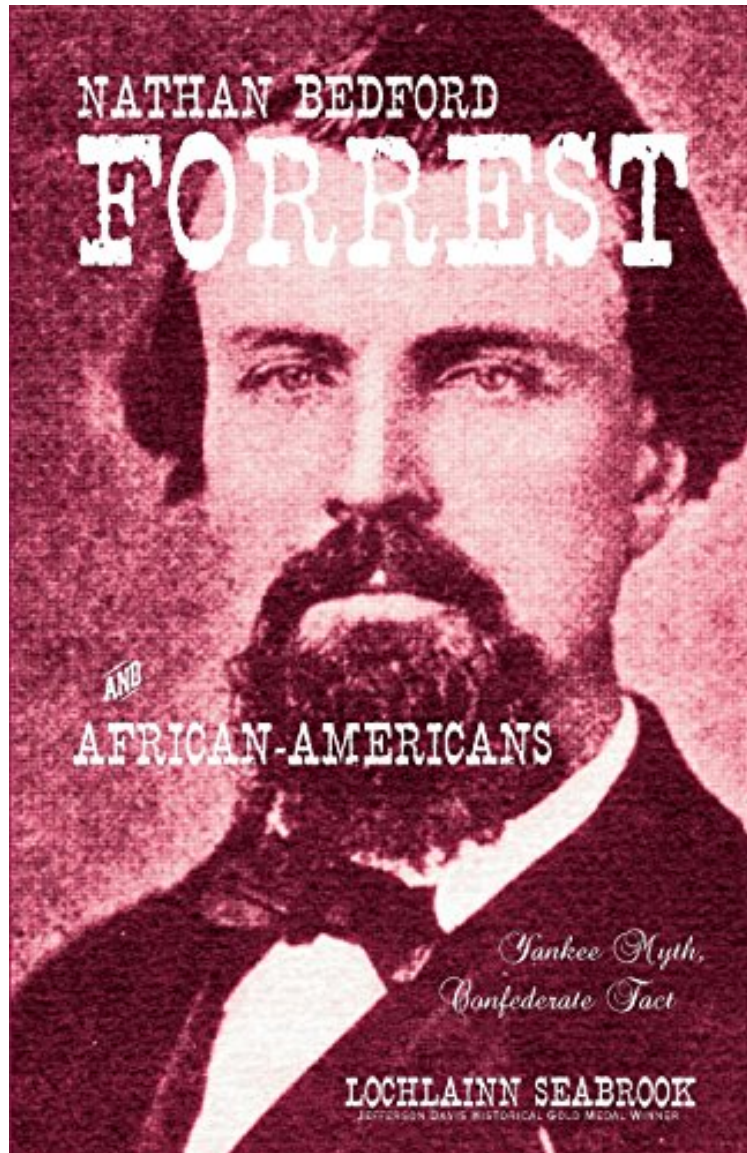


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**Lochlainn Seabrook : Nathan Bedford Forrest and African-Americans: Yankee Myth, Confederate Fact** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nathan Bedford Forrest and African-Americans: Yankee Myth, Confederate Fact:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Too biased to take very seriouslyBy UpstateGentI was interested in

learning more about Forrest in regard to his KKK involvement and the Fort Pillow controversy. The book addressed this but was written from a very biased Southern perspective. He used fairly limited historical source materials multiple times to reinforce his point, citing hundreds of historical rebuttals to Yankee propaganda, when in fact he used about two dozen. I happen to agree with his conclusions regarding the KKK and Fort Pillow but was turned off by his blatant anti Northern bias. He whitewashes the entire Southern slavery era by pointing out Northern transgressions, using this, by contrast to present a benign Southern approach to slavery. In addition he seems to think the entire written history of the era is some sort of conspiracy against the South. As a Southern, sympathetic to the South, having studied and written about ancestors actively involved politically and militarily, before, during, and after the war. I have found both accurate and inaccurate information presented by writer from both regions. The slavery period of our history was a dark period and neither side's involvement need not be white washed.<sup>3</sup> of 4 people found the following review helpful. **THE REAL NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST** By Jerry Cain If it is true that the Confederate battle flag is THE most politically incorrect symbol in the country now, then it would follow that the personification of that symbol would be, by popular exclaim, none other than Nathan Bedford Forrest. Two main arguments against him seem to be [1] that he started the KKK and [2] presided over the slaughter of black Union soldiers at the battle of Fort Pillow during what is popularly called the Civil War. This new book by Lochlainn Seabrook rejects and successfully refutes both charges in a clear and simple way that even Al Sharpton would be able to understand. Neither charge is true and correct. "Nathan Bedford Forrest and African-Americans" does set the record straight for it's readers on these and other points of wider context of the life of a great American. It is a simple objective fact of history that General Forrest was only invited to associate with the KKK after it had already been organized by others...contrary to that line in the "Forrest Gump" movie. The author also brings out that the post-war reconstruction KKK had nothing whatsoever to do with the modern version utilizing the same name. The original version only lasted a few years and was disbanded [not started] by Forrest. It is also difficult to see how the original could be labeled a racist organization for the simple reason there was actually an all-black chapter of it at the time. Also, the battle of Fort Pillow is probably one of the most misunderstood battle of the entire war. Were there black Union deaths at the battle? Yes. Did they follow directions to properly surrender? No. Did they totally disarm themselves of all their weaponry? No. Did some continue to fire back at General Forrest's men even among others trying to surrender...adding to the battlefield confusion? Yes. Did the Union officers supposedly in charge there allow a good number of their own men to get drunk the previous night adding to their impairment of judgement? Yes. One of General Forrest's defenders was one who could hardly be called a Southern apologist: General Sherman who actually sided with Forrest. This is NEVER presented in standard history books. This is why this brief treatment of the record is so valuable. It sets the record straight in a clear and concise manner. The book is highly recommended by myself as a high school history teacher. In the interest of diversity of opinion it should be given a wide readership. The author notes at the end that "He was, as his friends, servants, and soldiers knew him, 'a tender-hearted, kindly man who would go out of his way to assist anyone, whatever their complexion. Yes, that would include even Al Sharpton!"<sup>2</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Frank D. Great read and sure tells a different story

According to Yankee historians Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest was a vicious redneck who detested blacks, beat his slaves, refused to fight alongside African-Americans, killed black Union soldiers on sight, committed a racist massacre at the Battle of Fort Pillow, and founded and led the Ku Klux Klan in an attempt to rid the South of blacks. Actually, the opposite is true. But Liberals, anti-South writers, and pro-North educators have done their best to make sure you never find out. Now all of that's changed! In his enlightening book *Nathan Bedford Forrest and African-Americans: Yankee Myth, Confederate Fact*, award-winning author, Forrest scholar, and unreconstructed Southern historian Colonel Lochlainn Seabrook reveals the facts about the great Confederate chieftain that have been suppressed for 150 years, debunking these and other Yankee myths that were long ago invented in order to taint Forrest's reputation, demean the South, and hide the truth about Lincoln's War from the public. Colonel Seabrook's generously illustrated, clearly written work examines the five primary myths associated with Forrest and African-Americans, from the General's alleged racism and his treatment of slaves, to his attitude toward black Confederates and his real relationship with the original KKK. The reader will learn, for example, that Forrest, while possessed of the characteristic European-American values and views of his day, was far from the monstrous bigot portrayed in our history books, and that he was, as he himself put it, "a friend of the colored race," one who treated his slaves with respect and humanity, freed them long before Lincoln's fake and illegal Emancipation Proclamation, enlisted 45 of them in his cavalry, and hand-picked seven to be his personal armed guards. Of his loyal and brave African-American soldiers Forrest publicly said: "These boys stayed with me for the entire war. Better Confederates did not live." We also learn that there was no "racist massacre" at the Battle of Fort Pillow, that Forrest was neither the founder or the Grand Wizard of the KKK, that the Civil War Klan was not a racist organization (but an anti-carpetbag group with no connection to the modern KKK), and that thousands of African-Americans not only supported and even assisted the Civil War KKK, there was also an all-black Ku Klux Klan in Nashville, Tennessee. This one-of-a-kind book, Colonel Seabrook's ninth on the General, blows the lid off the Yankee myths about Nathan Bedford Forrest and African-

Americans. Includes an index, bibliography, reference notes, and a comprehensive appendices section. Though brief, this heavily researched study is a powerful educational tool that will forever alter the way you look at Forrest, Lincoln's War, and the South. Destined to become a Southern classic. Civil War scholar Lochlainn Seabrook, a descendant of the families of Alexander H. Stephens and John S. Mosby, is the most prolific and popular pro-South writer in the world today. Known as the "new Shelby Foote," he is a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal and the author of over 50 books that have introduced thousands to the truth about the War for Southern Independence. A seventh-generation Kentuckian of Appalachian heritage and the sixth great-grandson of the Earl of Oxford, Colonel Seabrook has a forty-year background in American and Southern history, and is the author of the runaway bestsellers *Everything You Were Taught About the Civil War is Wrong, Ask a Southerner!*, *Everything You Were Taught About American Slavery is Wrong, Ask a Southerner!*, and *Confederate Flag Facts: What Every American Should Know About Dixie's Southern Cross*.

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