

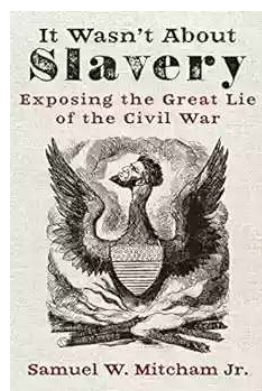
Exposing The Great Lie Of The Civil War

For generations, the American Civil War has been portrayed as a noble conflict fought to end slavery and preserve the Union. However, a deeper investigation reveals a different story, one that challenges conventional wisdom and exposes the great lie that has been perpetuated for centuries.

The Hidden Agendas

The Civil War, which lasted from 1861 to 1865, was undoubtedly a pivotal moment in American history. Ostensibly fought to address the issue of slavery, the underlying causes and motivations of the conflict were far more complex. While slavery undoubtedly played a significant role, there were other hidden agendas at play.

One such hidden agenda was the economic interests of the Northern states. Industrialization was rapidly transforming the North, and the region had become heavily dependent on cheap Southern cotton. Any threat to the supply of raw materials from the South would have dire consequences for their industries. By framing the war as a moral battle against slavery, Northern politicians were able to rally support and maintain their economic interests.



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Similarly, the Southern states were not united in their cause to preserve slavery. Many Southerners felt a strong attachment to their states and saw the conflict as a fight for regional autonomy and self-governance. Slavery, while a contentious issue, was not the sole driving force behind the secession of the Confederate states.

The Myth of the Noble Cause

Over the years, the idea of the "noble cause" has romanticized the Confederate army. Books, movies, and even school curricula have perpetuated the myth that the soldiers who fought for the South did so out of a heartfelt commitment to defend their way of life. However, the reality is far more nuanced.

Many Confederate soldiers were impoverished farmers who could not afford slaves themselves. Instead, they were coerced into the conflict by wealthy plantation owners who stood to lose everything if the institution of slavery was dismantled. Others were simply conscripted into service without any say in the matter.

While it is essential to recognize the sacrifice of those who fought on both sides, it is equally important to acknowledge the complex motivations that drove individuals to take up arms. The war, at its core, was a struggle for power, control, and regional identity.

The Role of Historical Revisionism

Historical revisionism has played a significant role in perpetuating the great lie of the Civil War. In the aftermath of the conflict, the Northern states sought to heal the wounds and reunite the nation. To achieve this, they downplayed the true causes of the war and embraced the narrative of a righteous crusade against slavery.

Textbooks were revised, Confederate monuments were erected, and a narrative of valor and heroism was woven. This selective retelling of history not only distorted the true motivations behind the war but also perpetuated racial divisions that persist to this day.

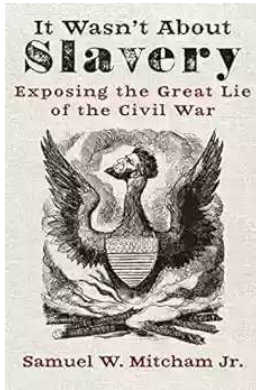
Challenging the Narrative

It is time to challenge the prevailing narrative and confront the uncomfortable truths of the Civil War. By acknowledging the hidden agendas, dispelling myths of noble causes, and confronting the role of historical revisionism, we can begin to understand the complexity of this pivotal moment in American history.

Understanding the true causes and motivations of the Civil War allows us to have a more nuanced and informed discussion about our past. By recognizing the multifaceted nature of the conflict, we can hope to bridge the divides that continue to haunt our society.

, the great lie of the Civil War is a narrative that has been carefully crafted and perpetuated for generations. By exposing the hidden agendas, dispelling myths, and challenging historical revisionism, we can uncover the true complexity of this pivotal moment in American history. It is only through confronting the past that we can hope to build a more just and united future.

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If you think the Civil War was fought to end slavery, you've been duped.

In fact, as distinguished military historian Samuel Mitcham argues in his provocative new book, *It Wasn't About Slavery*, no political party advocated freeing the slaves in the presidential election of 1860. The Republican Party platform opposed the expansion of slavery to the western states, but it did not embrace abolition.

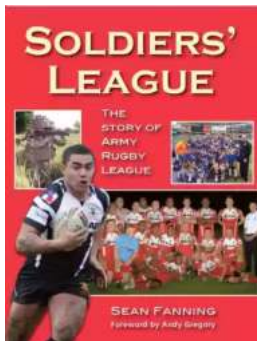
The real cause of the war was a dispute over money and self-determination.

Before the Civil War, the South financed most of the federal government—because the federal government was funded by tariffs, which were paid disproportionately by the agricultural South that imported manufactured goods.

Yet, most federal government spending and subsidies benefited the North. The South wanted a more limited federal government and lower tariffs—the ideals of Thomas Jefferson—and when the South could not get that, it opted for independence.

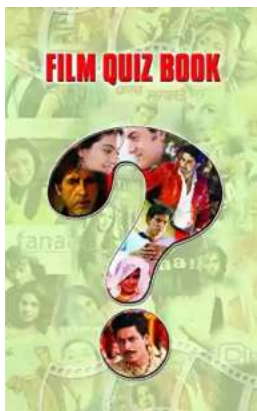
Lincoln was unprepared when the Southern states seceded, and force was the only way to bring them—and their tariff money—back. That was the real cause of the war.

A well-documented and compelling read by a master historian, *It Wasn't About Slavery* will change the way you think about Abraham Lincoln, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the cause and legacy of America's momentous Civil War.



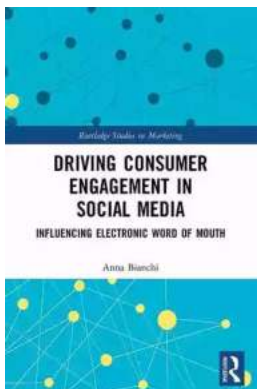
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