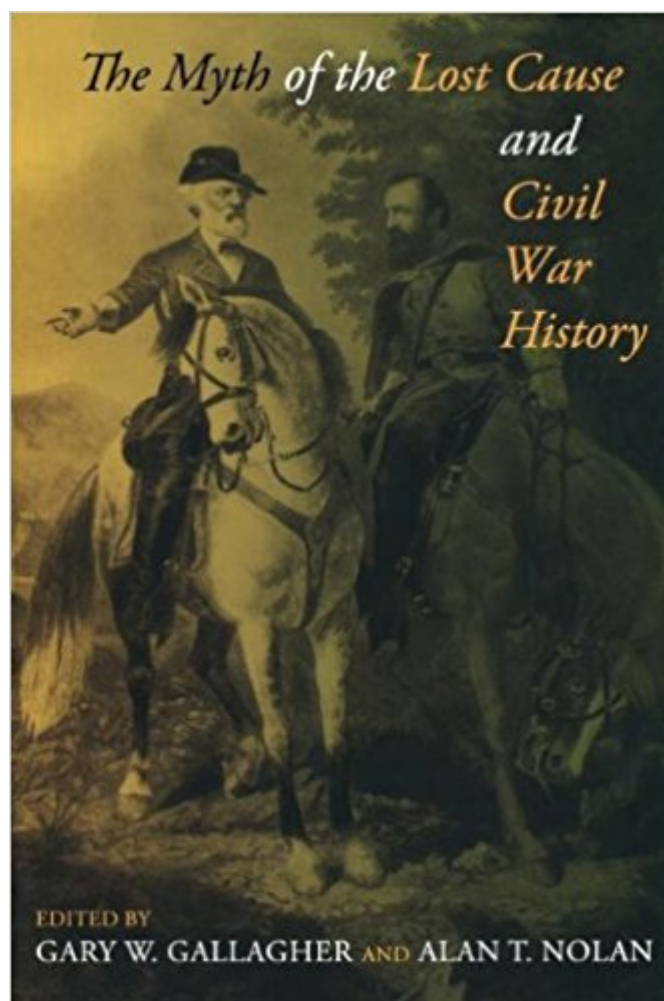


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The Myth Of The Lost Cause And Civil War History



Synopsis

Was the Confederacy doomed from the start in its struggle against the superior might of the Union? Did its forces fight heroically against all odds for the cause of states' rights? In reality, these suggestions are an elaborate and intentional effort on the part of Southerners to rationalize the secession and the war itself. Unfortunately, skillful propagandists have been so successful in promoting this romanticized view that the Lost Cause has assumed a life of its own. Misrepresenting the war's true origins and its actual course, the myth of the Lost Cause distorts our national memory. In *The Myth of the Lost Cause and Civil War History*, nine historians describe and analyze the Lost Cause, identifying ways in which it falsifies history—creating a volume that makes a significant contribution to Civil War historiography.

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Very good treatment of the origins and reality of the Lost Cause.

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Excellent analysis and review of the rise and effect of the "Lost Cause" mythology that still permeates the study of the U.S. Civil War to this day.

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The South's long and intense effort to salvage its self-image by rewriting the history of the Civil War is understandable but has become tiresome. This book reviews these efforts and refutes the inaccuracies in detail, in the first "essay" of several by real Historians. The rest of the "essays" (chapters) are each by other individuals and delve more deeply into individual cases both personal and regional. I found the increasingly close relationship between two sets of beliefs, "Religion" and "The Lost Cause" to be especially enlightening, particularly in view of current politics. A long-needed

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