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As the sectional crisis gripped the United States, the rancor increasingly spread to the halls of Congress. Preston Brooks's frenzied assault on Charles Sumner was perhaps the most notorious evidence of the dangerous divide between proslavery Democrats and the new antislavery Republican Party. But as disunion loomed, rifts within the majority Democratic Party were every bit as consequential. And nowhere was the fracture more apparent than in the raging debates between Illinois's Stephen Douglas and Mississippi's Jefferson Davis. As leaders of the Democrats' northern and southern factions before the Civil War, their passionate conflict of words and ideas has been overshadowed by their opposition to Abraham Lincoln. But here, weaving together biography and political history, Michael E. Woods restores Davis and Douglas's fatefully entwined lives and careers to the center of the Civil War era. Operating on personal, partisan, and national levels, Woods traces the deep roots of Democrats' internal strife, with fault lines drawn around fundamental questions of property rights and majority rule. Neither belief in white supremacy nor expansionist zeal could reconcile Douglas and Davis's factions as their constituents formed their own lines in the proverbial soil of westward expansion. The first major reinterpretation of the Democratic Party's internal schism in more than a generation, *Arguing until Doomsday* shows how two leading antebellum politicians ultimately shattered their party and hastened the coming of the Civil War.

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In *Bloody Crimes*, James L. Swanson—the Edgar® Award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of *Manhunt*—brings to life two epic events of the Civil War era: the thrilling chase to apprehend Confederate president Jefferson Davis in the wake of the Lincoln assassination and the momentous 20-day funeral that took Abraham Lincoln's body home to Springfield. A true tale full of fascinating twists and turns, and lavishly illustrated with dozens of rare historical images—some never before seen—*Bloody Crimes* is a fascinating companion to Swanson's *Manhunt* and a riveting true-crime thriller that will electrify civil war buffs, general readers, and everyone in between.

America's Hidden History

The Life of Jefferson Davis

Through the 31 line illustrations and brief historical narrative, children are able to follow the life of Jefferson Davis—from Rosemont, his boyhood home in Woodville, Mississippi, to his marriage to Virginia Howell. This book describes his terms as a member of the House of Representatives and Senate, and his role in the drama of the Civil War as president of the Confederacy. The Jefferson Davis Coloring Book is an ideal way for children to learn about this important figure in American and Southern history. Both his political successes and failures, and his personal hopes and tragedies are recorded for the enjoyment of any aspiring historian. Ernesto Caldiera was a partner in preserving Rosemont and opening the former Davis home to the public as a museum. He spent ten years researching material on Davis and compiling a genealogy of Davis' descendants.

Jefferson Davis, American

Read Book Jefferson Davis The Man And His Hour

A study of the final days of the Confederacy at the end of the Civil War focuses on two men--Jefferson Davis, the autocratic president of the Confederate States, and his affable, practical Secretary of War, General John C. Breckinridge--who played key roles in the Confederate government. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

First Lady of the Confederacy

When Jefferson Davis became president of the Confederacy, his wife, Varina Howell Davis, reluctantly became the First Lady. Pro-slavery but also pro-Union, Varina Davis was inhibited by her role as Confederate First Lady and unable to reveal her true convictions. Cashin offers a splendid portrait of a fascinating woman who struggled with the constraints of her time and place.

The Death and Resurrection of Jefferson Davis

A biography of Jefferson Davis: statesman, Mexican war hero, and President of the Confederate States of America.

Was Jefferson Davis Right?

From a distinguished historian of the America South comes this thoroughly human portrait of the complex man at the center of our nation's most epic struggle. Jefferson Davis initially did not wish to leave the Union--as the son of a veteran of the American Revolution and as a soldier and senator, he considered himself a patriot. William J. Cooper shows us how Davis' initial reluctance turned into absolute commitment to the Confederacy. He provides a thorough account of Davis' life, both as the Confederate President and in the years before and after the war. Elegantly written and impeccably researched, Jefferson Davis, American is the definitive examination of one of the most enigmatic figures in our nation's history. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Jefferson Davis Gets His Citizenship Back

Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the epic New York Times bestselling account of how Civil War general Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson became a great and tragic national hero. Stonewall Jackson has long been a figure of legend and romance. As much as any person in the Confederate pantheon—even Robert E. Lee—he embodies the romantic Southern notion of the virtuous lost cause. Jackson is also considered, without argument, one of our country's greatest military figures. In April 1862, however, he was merely another Confederate general in an army fighting what seemed to be a losing cause. But by June he had engineered perhaps the greatest military campaign in American history and was one of

the most famous men in the Western world. Jackson's strategic innovations shattered the conventional wisdom of how war was waged; he was so far ahead of his time that his techniques would be studied generations into the future. In his "magnificent Rebel Yell...S.C. Gwynne brings Jackson ferociously to life" (New York Newsday) in a swiftly vivid narrative that is rich with battle lore, biographical detail, and intense conflict among historical figures. Gwynne delves deep into Jackson's private life and traces Jackson's brilliant twenty-four-month career in the Civil War, the period that encompasses his rise from obscurity to fame and legend; his stunning effect on the course of the war itself; and his tragic death, which caused both North and South to grieve the loss of a remarkable American hero.

Look Away!

A profile of the iconic Civil War general explores the paradoxes attributed to his character to discuss such topics as his achievements as a military strategist, his contributions to the Transcontinental Railroad and his tempestuous family relationships. 20,000 first printing.

Varina Howell

An account of the Jefferson Davis presidency takes a look at the diplomatic, domestic, and military affairs that consumed this embattled man during his tumultuous tenure as president of the Confederacy.

Embattled Rebel

"The Real Jefferson Davis" by Landon Knight. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

Fierce Patriot

An award-winning writer on the Civil War explores the realities behind the myths about the South's victories, defeats, and motives for initiating the war and reevaluates the roles of Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson. UP.

An Honorable Defeat

The Jefferson Davis Coloring Book

Much of Jefferson Davis' life and career has been obscured in controversy and misinterpretation. This full, carefully annotated edition will make it possible for scholars to reassess the man who served as President of the Confederacy and who in the aftermath of war became the symbolic leader of the South. For almost a decade a dedicated team of scholars has been collecting and documenting Davis' papers and correspondence for this multi-volume work. The first volume includes not only Davis' private and public correspondence but also the important letters and documents addressed to and concerning him. Two autobiographical accounts, a detailed genealogy of the Davis family, and a complete bibliography are also included. This volume covers Davis' early years in Mississippi and Kentucky, his career at West Point, his first military assignments, and his tragic marriage to Sarah Knox Taylor. Together, the letters and documents unfold a human story of the first thirty-two years of a long life that later became filled with turbulence and controversy.

Jefferson Davis, Constitutionalist

Jefferson Davis, captured, imprisoned, and charged with 1) conspiracy and culpability in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln; 2) conspiracy to cause the deaths of Northern P.O.W.'s at Andersonville, Georgia, a detention camp; 3) participating in and attempting to assist in the growth of the system of slavery; and 4) treason against the United States of America, was never afforded his constitutional right to a trial.

Secession on Trial

Prison Life of Jefferson Davis

"Her marriage prospects limited, teenage Varina Howell agrees to wed the much-older widower Jefferson Davis, with whom she expects the secure life of a Mississippi landowner. Davis instead pursues a career in politics and is eventually appointed president of the Confederacy, placing Varina at the white-hot center of one of the darkest moments in American history"--

Government of Our Own

Jean Stone, the bestselling author of *Off Season*, weaves the extraordinary story of three cousins bound forever by the

family fortune they share—and the family secrets they don't dare reveal. Mary Beth, Nikki, and Gabrielle have little in common except the vast Atkinson fortune they inherited. Growing up amidst the splendor of Manhattan town houses and summers on Martha's Vineyard, they've all learned the hard way that money can buy everything—except happiness. Marked by a summer tragedy they've all tried to forget, each woman has struggled to find her own way to cope with the secrets of her past. Now Mary Beth is a pillar of the New York social scene, buying designer clothing and priceless jewels that even she cannot afford. Nikki searches for peace on the Vineyard, pouring her inheritance into endless charity work. And Gabrielle hoards her money in a Swiss bank account, safe from the husband who knows nothing of her wealth. But when their trusted executor disappears with their money, the cousins come together once again to find him. For each woman, regaining her fortune has a different meaning—and will come at a different price. And in the end they'll learn that no one's secrets can stay hidden forever—not even the truth of what really happened that terrible day so many summers ago. From the Paperback edition.

After Secession

This book focuses on the post-Civil War treason prosecution of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, which was seen as a test case on the major question that animated the Civil War: the constitutionality of secession. The case never went to trial because it threatened to undercut the meaning and significance of Union victory. Cynthia Nicoletti describes the interactions of the lawyers who worked on both sides of the Davis case - who saw its potential to disrupt the verdict of the battlefield against secession. In the aftermath of the Civil War, Americans engaged in a wide-ranging debate over the legitimacy and effectiveness of war as a method of legal adjudication. Instead of risking the 'wrong' outcome in the highly volatile Davis case, the Supreme Court took the opportunity to pronounce secession unconstitutional in *Texas v. White* (1869).

The Cause Lost

History has not been kind to Jefferson Davis. His cause went down in disastrous defeat and left the South impoverished for generations. If that cause had succeeded, it would have torn the United States in two and preserved the institution of slavery. Many Americans in Davis's own time and in later generations considered him an incompetent leader, if not a traitor. Not so, argues James M. McPherson. In *Embattled Rebel*, McPherson shows us that Davis might have been on the wrong side of history, but it is too easy to diminish him because of his cause's failure. In order to understand the Civil War and its outcome, it is essential to give Davis his due as a military leader and as the president of an aspiring Confederate nation. Davis did not make it easy on himself. His subordinates and enemies alike considered him difficult, egotistical, and cold. He was gravely ill throughout much of the war, often working from home and even from his sickbed. Nonetheless, McPherson

argues, Davis shaped and articulated the principal policy of the Confederacy with clarity and force: the quest for independent nationhood. Although he had not been a fire-breathing secessionist, once he committed himself to a Confederate nation he never deviated from this goal. In a sense, Davis was the last Confederate left standing in 1865. As president of the Confederacy, Davis devoted most of his waking hours to military strategy and operations, along with Commander Robert E. Lee, and delegated the economic and diplomatic functions of strategy to his subordinates. Davis was present on several battlefields with Lee and even took part in some tactical planning; indeed, their close relationship stands as one of the great military-civilian partnerships in history. Most critical appraisals of Davis emphasize his choices in and management of generals rather than his strategies, but no other chief executive in American history exercised such tenacious hands-on influence in the shaping of military strategy. And while he was imprisoned for two years after the Confederacy's surrender awaiting a trial for treason that never came, and lived for another twenty-four years, he never once recanted the cause for which he had fought and lost.--Publisher.

Jefferson Davis

Bloody Times

When the Civil War ended, Jefferson Davis had fallen from the heights of popularity to the depths of despair. In this fascinating new book, Donald E. Collins explores the resurrection of Davis to heroic status in the hearts of white Southerners culminating in one of the grandest funeral processions the nation had ever seen. As schools closed and bells tolled along the thousand mile route, Southerners appeared en masse to bid a final farewell to the man who championed Southern secession and ardently defended the Confederacy.

Jefferson Davis

William C. Davis, one of America's best Civil War historians, here offers a definitive portrait of the Confederacy unlike any that has come before. Drawing on decades of writing and research among an unprecedented number of archives, *Look Away!* tells the story of the Confederate States of America not simply as a military saga (although it is that), but rather as a full portrait of a society and incipient nation. The first history of the Confederacy in decades, the culmination of a great scholar's career, *Look Away!* combines politics, economics, and social history to set a new standard for its subject. Previous histories have focused on familiar commanders such as Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, but Davis's canvas is much broader. From firebrand politicians like Robert Barnwell Rhett and William L. Yancey, who pushed for secession long before the public supported it; to Dr. Samuel Cartwright, who persuaded many Southerners of the natural inferiority of their slaves;

to the women of Richmond, who rioted over bread shortages in 1863, Davis presents a rich new face of the Confederate nation. He recounts familiar stories of battles won and lost, but also little-known economic stories of a desperate government that socialized the salt industry, home-front stories of the rangers and marauders who preyed on their fellow Confederates, and an account of the steady breakdown of law, culminating in near anarchy in some states. Never has the Confederacy been so vividly brought to life as a full society, riven with political and economic conflicts beneath its more loudly publicized military battles. Davis's astonishingly thorough primary research has ranged across the 800-odd newspapers that were in operation during the war, but also across the personal papers of over a hundred Southern leaders and ordinary citizens. He quotes from letters and diaries throughout the narrative, revealing the Confederacy through the words of the Confederates themselves. Like any society, especially in the early stages of nation-building and the devastating stages of warfare, the Confederacy was not one thing but many things to many people. One thing, however, was shared by all: the belief that the South offered a necessary evolution of American democracy. *Look Away!* offers a dramatic and definitive account of one of America's most searing episodes.

The Real Jefferson Davis

The Papers of Jefferson Davis

An engaging portrait of the Southern soldier-statesman who led the Confederacy retraces his evolution from a reluctant supporter of secession to his eventual total embrace of an independent Southern Confederacy. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Arguing until Doomsday

The first dual biography of two great leaders furnishes a comprehensive, heavily researched study that compares the two men and reaches firm conclusions about the Civil War that transformed the United States.

A Short History of the Confederate States of America

New York Times bestselling author of *Manhunt* James L. Swanson creates an adaptation for young people of his adult book *Bloody Crimes*, a suspense-filled thriller that sheds light on two fallen leaders of the North and South. One man, President Lincoln, assassinated, on his way to the grave. Another man, the president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, on the run, soon to be sent to prison. Their actions forever changed the history of a nation. On the morning of April 2, 1865,

Davis received a telegram from General Robert E. Lee. There is no more time—the Yankees are coming, it warned. That night Davis fled Richmond, setting off an intense manhunt for the Confederate president. Two weeks later, President Lincoln was assassinated, and the nation was convinced that Davis was involved in the conspiracy that led to the crime. Lincoln's murder, autopsy, and White House funeral transfixed the nation. His final journey began when soldiers placed his corpse aboard a special train that would carry him home to Springfield, Illinois. Along the way, more than a million Americans looked upon their martyr's face, and several million watched the funeral train roll by. It was the most magnificent funeral pageant in American history. James L. Swanson captures the riveting stories of these two influential men as they made their last journeys through the bloody landscape of a wounded nation.

Brierfield

The secession of the southern states from the Union was not merely a culmination of certain events; it was also the beginning of the trial of Confederate nationalism. The slaveholding elite which had led the South out of the Union now had to solidify its support among the nonslaveholding small farmers, a class that constituted the bulk of the white population. But Jefferson Davis and the new government were greatly hampered in their bid for widespread public support, partially because of the same force that had resulted in secession -- the strong states' rights predisposition of many southerners and their opposition to a strong central government -- and partially because of the great social and economic gap that separated the governed from the governors. In *After Secession* Paul Escott focuses on the challenge that the South's widespread political ideals presented to Jefferson Davis and on the way growing class resentments among citizens in the countryside affected the war effort. New material is included on Jefferson Davis and his policies, and interesting new interpretations of the Confederate government's crucial problems of decision making and failure to respond to the common people are offered. The result is both a fresh look at the pivotal role that strong leadership plays in the establishment of a new nation and a revealing study of how Jefferson Davis' frustrations increasingly affected the quality of his presidency.

Bloody Crimes

Brierfield: Plantation Home of Jefferson Davis by Frank Edgar Everett, Jr. This is the story of a house, "Brierfield," and incidentally of a man, Jefferson Davis, and his family. The author traces the story of "Brierfield" from its construction in the antebellum period to its final disappearance in the twentieth century, a victim of war, floods, and fire. Most people associate Jefferson Davis with "Beauvoir," his home on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the years after 1865, but "Brierfield" was his home during the most productive years of his life. We see Davis here as a young planter, a United States Representative and Senator, a Mexican War hero, United States Secretary of War, and President of the Confederate States of America. The tangled web of relationships involving Davis, his second wife, Varina Howell of Natchez, and his older brother and substitute

father, Joseph Davis of nearby "Hurricane Plantation," unfolds against the physical setting of "Brierfield." Frank Edgar Everett, Jr. is the author of several books and articles on Mississippi history during the antebellum period. A trial lawyer, he also served as assistant attorney general of Mississippi and as a trustee of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

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Relates historical events that significantly impacted the development of the United States in the years prior to Washington's inauguration, considering such subjects as the nation's real first pilgrims and the lesser-known aspects of the first Thanksgiving.

The Two American Presidents

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In 1979 Robert Penn Warren returned to his native Todd County, Kentucky, to attend ceremonies in honor of another native son, Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, whose United States citizenship had just been restored, ninety years after his death, by a special act of Congress. From that nostalgic journey grew this reflective essay on the tragic career of Jefferson Davis -- "not a modern man in any sense of the word but a conservative called to manage what was, in one sense, a revolution." Jefferson Davis Gets His Citizenship Back is also a meditation by one of our most respected men of letters on the ironies of American history and the paradoxes of the modern South.

Trust Fund Babies

Argues that poor leadership in the western campaigns led to the Confederacy's defeat

Rebel Yell

For four crucial months in 1861, delegates from all over the South met in Montgomery, Alabama, to establish a new nation. Davis (Jefferson Davis: The Man and the Hour, LJ 11/15/91) tells their story in this new work, another example of Davis's fine storytelling skill and an indispensable guide to understanding the formation of the Confederate government. Among the issues Davis examines are revising the Constitution to meet Southern needs, banning the importation of slaves, and

determining whether the convention could be considered a congress. Also revealed are the many participating personalities, their ambitions and egos, politicking and lobbying for the presidency of the new nation, and the nature of the city of Montgomery itself.

Varina

The true story of the Southern Confederacy lies in the letters, speeches, and State papers of its leaders; and its best justification will come after such historical materials have been made accessible to the truth-loving historian of the future. The private and public papers of such Southern leaders as Calhoun, Davis, and Lee will reveal, as nothing else can, the principles for which they contended, and give to posterity the true estimate of their lives and deeds. -- Introduction.

Jefferson Davis and His Generals

As president of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis played a key role in the South's unsuccessful attempt to separate from the Union during the Civil War. This book traces the life of the Confederate leader from his childhood in Mississippi, to his years as a United States politician, through the Civil War, and his attempt to rebuild his life and reputation after the Confederacy was defeated by the Union.

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