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*Jefferson Davis and the Confederate Civil War* Infobase Publishing

A panoramic and spellbinding history of the last days of the Confederacy and the flight, capture, and imprisonment of Jefferson Davis. In April 1865, Richmond fell to the Union army and Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to his Northern counterpart, Ulysses S. Grant, at the Appomattox Court House. But the Civil War was far from over. Determined to keep Confederate dreams of secession alive, President Jefferson Davis and his cabinet fled the burning capital city. With Union troops in pursuit, the fugitives rallied loyalists across the South and made plans to escape to Cuba. In the aftermath of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, a \$100,000 bounty was placed on Davis's head. Finally captured in Irwinville, Georgia, the former US senator and secretary of war became a prisoner of the American government. The harsh treatment he received would inflame tensions between North and South for years to come. Meticulously researched and brilliantly told, *The Long Surrender* brings these dramatic events to vivid, unforgettable life and paints a fascinating portrait of Davis, one of history's most enigmatic figures. By shining a light on this forgotten chapter of the Civil War, bestselling author Burke Davis examines the lasting impact of America's bloodiest conflict on the national character.

*The Man and His Hour* LSU Press

Varina Anne Winnie Davis was born into a war-torn South in June of 1864, the youngest daughter of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his second wife, Varina Howell Davis. Born only a month after the death of beloved Confederate hero General J.E.B. Stuart during a string of Confederate victories, Winnie's birth was hailed as a blessing by war-weary Southerners. They felt her arrival was a good omen signifying future victory. But after the Confederacy's ultimate defeat in the Civil War, Winnie would spend her early life as a genteel refugee and a European expatriate abroad. After returning to the South from German boarding school, Winnie was christened the "Daughter of the Confederacy" in 1886. This role was bestowed upon her by a Southern culture trying to sublimate its war losses. Particularly idolized by Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Winnie became an icon of the Lost Cause, eclipsing even her father Jefferson in popularity. Winnie Davis: Daughter of the Lost Cause is the first published biography of this little-known woman who unwittingly became the symbolic female figure of the defeated South. Her controversial engagement in 1890 to a Northerner lawyer whose grandfather was a famous abolitionist, and her later move to work as a writer in New York City, shocked her friends, family, and the Southern groups who worshipped her. Faced with the pressures of a community who violently rejected the match, Winnie desperately attempted to reconcile her prominent Old South history with her personal desire for tolerance and acceptance of her personal choices.

*The Prison Life of Jefferson Davis* LSU Press

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.

*The Broken Constitution* e-artnow

An innovative account of Abraham Lincoln, constitutional thinker and doer. Abraham Lincoln is justly revered for his brilliance, compassion, humor, and rededication of the United States to achieving liberty and justice for all. He led the nation into a bloody civil war to uphold the system of government established by the US Constitution—a system he regarded as the "last best hope of mankind." But how did Lincoln understand the Constitution? In this groundbreaking study, Noah Feldman argues that Lincoln deliberately and recurrently violated the United States' founding arrangements. When he came to power, it was widely believed that the federal government could not use armed force to prevent a state from seceding. It was also assumed that basic civil liberties could be suspended in a rebellion by Congress but not by the president, and that the federal government had no authority over slavery in states where it existed. As president, Lincoln broke decisively with all these precedents, and effectively rewrote the Constitution's place in the American system. Before the Civil War, the Constitution was best understood as a compromise pact—a rough and ready deal between states that allowed the Union to form and function. After Lincoln, the Constitution came to be seen as a sacred text—a transcendent statement of the nation's highest ideals. *The Broken Constitution* is the first book to tell the story of how Lincoln broke the Constitution in order to remake it. To do so, it offers a riveting narrative of his constitutional choices and how he made them—and places Lincoln in the rich context of thinking of the time, from African American

abolitionists to Lincoln's Republican rivals and Secessionist ideologues. Includes 8 Pages of Black-and-White Illustrations

**Varina** LSU Press

"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"--

**The Long Surrender** Smithmark Pub

Jefferson Davis is one of the most complex and controversial figures in American political history (and the man whom Oscar Wilde wanted to meet more than anyone when he made his tour of the United States). Elected president of the Confederacy and later accused of participating in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, he is a source of ongoing dissension between northerners and southerners. This volume, the first of its kind, is a selected collection of his writings culled in large part from the authoritative Papers of Jefferson Davis, a multivolume edition of his letters and speeches published by the Louisiana State University Press, and includes thirteen documents from manuscript collections and one privately held document that have never before appeared in a modern scholarly edition. From letters as a college student to his sister, to major speeches on the Constitution, slavery, and sectional issues, to his farewell to the U.S. Senate, to his inaugural address as Confederate president, to letters from prison to his wife, these selected pieces present the many faces of the enigmatic Jefferson Davis. As William J. Cooper, Jr., writes in his Introduction, "Davis's notability does not come solely from his crucial role in the Civil War. Born on the Kentucky frontier in the first decade of the nineteenth century, he witnessed and participated in the epochal transformation of the United States from a fledgling country to a strong nation spanning the continent. In his earliest years his father moved farther south and west to Mississippi. As a young army officer just out of West Point, he served on the northwestern and southwestern frontiers in an army whose chief mission was to protect settlers surging westward. Then, in 1846 and 1847, as colonel of the First Mississippi Regiment, he fought in the Mexican War, which resulted in 1848 in the Mexican Cession, a massive addition to the United States of some 500,000 square miles, including California and the modern Southwest. As secretary of war and U.S. senator in the 1850s, he advocated government support for the building of a transcontinental railroad that he believed essential to bind the nation from ocean to ocean."

*Lincoln, Slavery, and the Refounding of America* University of Missouri Press

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 in Blue](#) Forgotten Books

In February 1861, Jefferson Davis told his wife that he had been elected president of the Confederacy. He expressed this news, his wife recalled, "as a man might speak of a sentence of

death." Davis feared what might lie ahead: a horrific civil war. Davis was a controversial, enigmatic figure. Despite his desire for peace, he brazenly ordered the attack on Fort Sumter, which triggered the war. Yet, while Southerners were dying and starving, he urged them to make even greater sacrifices-to fight to the finish. All the while, he suffered personal tragedies: the deaths of his first wife and his four sons. Heroic and tragic, despised and beloved, Davis remains one of the most compelling figures in American history.

**Jefferson Davis, American** Infobase Learning

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.

**Jefferson Davis** Potomac Books, Inc.

In his masterpiece, *Jefferson Davis, American*, William J. Cooper, Jr., crafted a sweeping, definitive biography and established himself as the foremost scholar on the intriguing Confederate president. Cooper narrows his focus considerably in *Jefferson Davis and the Civil War Era*, training his expert eye specifically on Davis's participation in and influence on events central to the American Civil War. Nine self-contained essays address how Davis reacted to and dealt with a variety of issues that were key to the coming of the war, the war itself, or in memorializing the war, sharply illuminating Davis's role during those turbulent years. Cooper opens with an analysis of Davis as an antebellum politician, challenging the standard view of Davis as either a dogmatic priest of principle or an inept bureaucrat. Next, he looks closely at Davis's complex association with secession, which included, surprisingly, a profound devotion to the Union. Six studies explore Davis and the Confederate experience, with topics including states' rights, the politics of command and strategic decisions, Davis in the role of war leader, the war in the West, and the meaning of the war. The final essay compares and contrasts Davis's first inauguration in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1861 with a little-known dedication of a monument to Confederate soldiers in the same city twenty-five years later. In 1886, Davis -- an old man of seventy-eight and in poor health -- had himself become a living monument, Cooper explains, and was an essential element in the formation of the Lost Cause ideology. Cooper's succinct interpretations provide straightforward, compact, and deceptively deep new approaches to understanding Davis during the most critical time in his life. Certain to stimulate further thought and spark debate, *Jefferson Davis and the Civil War Era* offers rare insight into one of American history's most complicated and provocative figures.

*Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States, and Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States, 1861-1865* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A biography of the man who was a hero to the Confederacy and a traitor to the Union because of his leadership of the Southern States during the Civil War.

Jefferson Davis Vintage

Jefferson Davis was an American politician who served as the first and only President of the Confederate States of America from 1861 to 1865. This collection presents to you a well sourced biography of Davis, which conveys the essence of the man and the determined politician. The edition also contains his most revealing works: "A Short History of the Confederate States of America" and "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government": Contents: Jefferson Davis by Frank H. Alfriend Works by Jefferson Davis: A Short History of the Confederate States of America: Before Secession Secession and Confederation The War The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government

**1808-1840** Ecco

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.

**The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Chase for Jefferson Davis** Penguin Books

The five-year period from 1841 to 1846 saw the beginning of Jefferson Davis' political career. In this, the second volume of *The Papers of Jefferson Davis*, the documents cover Davis' unsuccessful race for the state legislature, his selection as a Democratic state elector, his marriage to Varina Howell, his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, and his departure therefrom to assume command of the First Mississippi Regiment in the Mexican War. In the congressional documents Davis emerges as a hardworking freshman representative who quickly won for himself the respect and esteem of his fellow congressmen. There were, however, notable exceptions. One such exception was Andrew Johnson, a tailor by trade, who strongly resented Davis' remark on the floor of the House that a "blacksmith or tailor" could not be expected to achieve the same results in battle as a trained military man. In the somewhat bitter exchange that followed, some have professed to see the beginnings of the long-standing animosity between Johnson and Davis. The 255 documents in this volume (two appendixes contain undated and late-arriving items) provide a clear picture of Jefferson Davis, the man and the politician, and give an intimate view of Mississippi in the 1840s. Throughout the volume are rumblings of the then distant storm that was to break so disastrously over the nation in the 1860s.

**The Unreal and the Real** Rowman & Littlefield

Selected from 1000 letters most of which have not been published before.

**The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government** LSU Press

Excerpt from *Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States, and Abraham Lincoln, the*

President of the United States, 1861-1865 "The time has come when men may speak freely, kindly, and truly of the past. The War Between the States, with its sacrifices, has ceased, and peace between the sections with its ennobling, refining and uplifting influences, has come to abide forever. They who would stay its marches and delay its reign are the enemies of the Nations happiness." Bennett H. Young, U.C.V., Louisville, Ky. Introduction Mothers and teachers are urging the Historian General to suggest histories for the true life of Jefferson Davis and of Abraham Lincoln, saying that the children in the schools today are getting distorted facts concerning both and when urged to write essays about these two men cannot find the right kind of reference books at home or in the school and public libraries. Complaints are coming that the teachers in our schools, many of them men and women of Southern birth, are teaching that Abraham Lincoln was a greater man, a man of more exalted purpose than was Jefferson Davis, and that the cause for which Davis stood was an unworthy cause." They make a plea that something shall be done and done quickly to meet the needs of the hour. In the cause of Truth, then, these sketches are prepared with the hope of undoing much of the evil already done, and with the hope of presenting these two leaders in a simple, truthful way so that they may be known and appreciated by even the youngest child in our schools. Many things not needful to know or discuss, because children cannot understand them, have been omitted, and only salient facts presented. That young people maybe interested, anecdotes of childhood, as far as possible, have been collected, also the public life and services of the two men to the United States Government have been stressed on account of Essay Contest U.D.C. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Daughter of the Lost Cause Univ. Press of Mississippi

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

*Jefferson Davis, the Military Man and the Politician* University Press of Kentucky

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.

Jefferson Davis and the Civil War Era New York : Harcourt, Brace & World

THE PRISON LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS is John Craven's intimate first person account of Jefferson Davis' prison life after the end of the Civil War. Davis was accused of treason and other high crimes and taken to Fort Monroe, Virginia and placed in solitary confinement. Craven, a northerner served as Davis's personal physician for seven months during his incarceration. He describes the proud and noble Southerner and first President of the Confederate States of America during a time of turmoil as few others could.

*Embattled Rebel* Open Road Media

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