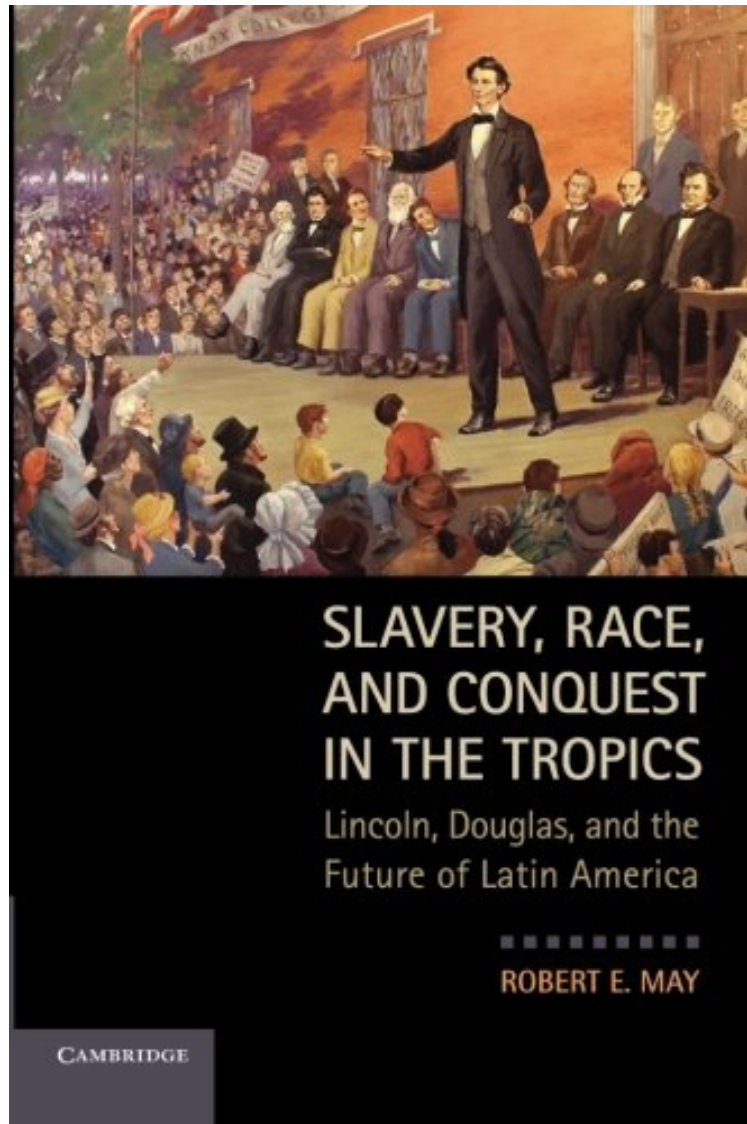


Slavery, Race, and Conquest in the Tropics: Lincoln, Douglas, and the Future of Latin America

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GossertDr. May has covered part of Southern Civil War history that is seldom studied by Civil War enthusiasts. His writing style is full of details to back his theories.5 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Mays opens the door. FinallyBy Mark D Cordered. Finally it looks as if what Southern leaders boasted of out the %^ at the time, will get some attention.,. The killings, tortures, and killing sprees, financed by Jefferson Davis, using US Senator David Atchison as his leader of Texas men hired to invade Kansas, will get attention too. They killed, and bragged they killed, not just to spread slavery against 95% votes of white men in Kansas, they also killed and tortured to stop people there from speaking against slavery.,.Men could be, and were, arrested and tortured, just for refusing to sign a card that said they supported slavery. Not arrested and tortured by some nuts, but by law enforcement -- the Texas men hired by Jefferson Davis, paid by Jefferson Davis, as secretary of war. See Atchison's speech bragging about it.Shame on every "historian" who glossed over this, or never too the time to read Southern books, Southern speeches, Southern documents bragging -- BRAGGING in the most extreme terms -- about doing this. It was no secret -- Charles Sumner was beaten almost to death on floor of the US Senate for exposing David Rice Atchison by name.May is going to concentrate on the foreign goals of the Confederate leaders. Not all their leaders, of course, but the ones that mattered. Jefferson Davis, Robert Toombs, David Atchison -- and their paid helper, Stephen A Douglas, Douglas role in helping the killing sprees in Kansas when he was Chairman of House and Senate Committee on Territories, is pathetically overlooked. Maybe this book will expose those, without Douglas duplicity, Atchison never goes to Kansas, there are no killing sprees there, Taney is not forced to cover for Atchison with the Dred Scott Decision., Yes, Dred Scott decision came as a cover for Atchison's killing sprees, which started, funded by Davis, aided by Douglas, the year before.150 years of BS is enough. It's time. It's time we use facts -- not the BS repeated by McPherson, who essentially mouths every twisted bit of deception uttered first by Jefferson Davis. Shame on every historian who just repeated BS. Good luck Mays. This is just the start.

Slavery, Race, and Conquest in the Tropics challenges the way historians interpret the causes of the American Civil War. Using Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas's famed rivalry as a prism, Robert E. May shows that when Lincoln and fellow Republicans opposed slavery in the West, they did so partly from evidence that slaveholders, with Douglas's assistance, planned to follow up successes in Kansas by bringing Cuba, Mexico, and Central America into the Union as slave states. A skeptic about "Manifest Destiny," Lincoln opposed the war with Mexico, condemned Americans invading Latin America, and warned that Douglas's "popular sovereignty" doctrine would unleash U.S. slaveholders throughout Latin America. This book internationalizes America's showdown over slavery, shedding new light on the Lincoln-Douglas rivalry and Lincoln's Civil War scheme to resettle freed slaves in the tropics.

"It is a truism that the issue of slavery's expansion triggered secession and the Civil War. But as Robert May shows in this important study, it was the possible expansion of slavery southward more than the prospect of slavery in Kansas or other Western territories that provoked passionate controversy. This welcome book gives due weight to pro-Cuban annexationists and Central-American filibusters in the coming of war." James M. McPherson, Princeton University" As viewed by most nineteenth-century Americans, slavery was a Southern 'problem'; to Abraham Lincoln, it was an American problem. Now Robert May has broken past traditional interpretations and literally expanded the borders of the slavery issue to reimagine it as hemispheric - much the way the proponents of slavery hoped, and its enemies feared. This is a strong, astute, and original study - one everyone interested in the great debate of the Civil War era should read." Harold Holzer, Chairman, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation" A thoroughly researched and wonderfully fresh account of the politics of slavery expansion that carries the issue beyond the usual territorial disputes to the entire western hemisphere. May enlarges the stage on which the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates were conducted and indeed points a wide-angle lens at the entire sectional crisis and Civil War. Focusing on Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, May demonstrates how discussion of slavery's future in the Americas and various colonization schemes were deeply interwoven in their political careers. A most valuable and original piece of work." George C. Rable, University of Alabama" In this engrossing book, Robert May offers a new perspective on the Lincoln-Douglas story. Underscoring their sharply different approaches to American expansion toward Latin America and the Caribbean, May makes a distinctive contribution to antebellum political history by adding a southern dimension to the territorial issue. He argues compellingly that divergent views about Latin America and the Caribbean were critical in the secession crisis. May also illuminates the intimate connection between Lincoln's wartime policy toward the region and his views on race. No one interested in the breakup of the Union and the resulting war can afford to miss this book." William Cooper, Louisiana State University" May has made a significant contribution to the study of slavery and expansion in the Civil War era. Using the rivalry between Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln as his interpretive lens, May argues that the heated debates over the place of slavery in the future of the US during the 1850s involved not only the North American West but the Latin American tropics as well ... Required reading for students of slavery, diplomacy and politics of the Civil War era. Summing up: essential. All academic collections." K. M. Gannon, Choice" Unrealistic though these schemes may have been, May makes a strong case that the South's tropical fantasies played an enormous and underappreciated role in causing the Civil War ... The unique contribution of this volume is to

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