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Editorial Review

Review

"...blows the lid off the conspiracy of silence about the violent, mass-murdering origins of the American Leviathan state..." -- *Thomas J. DiLorenzo, www.LewRockwell.com*

From the Inside Flap

"Of all the enormities committed by Americans in the nineteenth century--including slavery and the Indian wars--the worst was the invasion of the South, which destroyed some twenty billion dollars of private and public property and resulted in the deaths of some two million people, most of whom were civilians--both white and black."

--David Aiken, editor of *A City Laid Waste: The Capture, Sack, and Destruction of the City of Columbia*

Finally, here is the first book-length survey of the Union's "hard war" against the people of the Confederacy--one that included the shelling and burning of cities, systematic destruction of entire districts, mass arrests, forced expulsions, wholesale plundering, and murder.

In a series of compelling chapters, Cisco chronicles the St. Louis massacre, where Federal authorities proceeded to impose a reign of terror and dictatorship in Missouri. He tells of the events leading to, and the suffering caused by, the Federal decree that forced twenty thousand Missouri civilians into exile. The arrests of civilians, the suppression of civil liberties, theft, and murder to "restore the union" in Tennessee are also examined.

Women and children were robbed, brutalized, and left homeless in Sherman's infamous raid through Georgia. In South Carolina, homes, farms, churches, and whole towns disappeared in flames. Civilians received no mercy at the hands of the Union invaders.

Thoroughly researched from sources including letters, diaries, and newspaper accounts of the time, Walter Brian Cisco's exhaustive book notably pays careful attention to the suffering of African-American victims of Federal brutality, revealing that wherever Federal troops encountered Southern blacks, whether free or slave, they were robbed, brutalized, belittled, kidnapped, threatened, tortured, and sometimes raped or killed by their blue-clad "liberators."

Apologists for Lincoln's hard war continue to downplay the suffering endured and the damage done, blame the victims, or call some of the above incidents "accidents" or "mistakes." Many also cling to the Lincolnian myth that only by the most horrendous of wars could the slaves be freed, ignoring the fact that the rest of the Western world managed to bring an end to the institution without bloodshed. This book serves to set the record straight and to show that the war on Southern civilians was not justified, despite the convictions by many that such a war was necessary to save the union.

Walter Brian Cisco's first book, *States Rights Gist: A South Carolina General of the Civil War*, a biography of the little-known general, was a 1992 selection of the History Book Club. He is also the author of *Taking a Stand: Portraits from the Southern Secession Movement*, *Henry Timrod: A Biography*, and *Wade Hampton: Confederate Warrior, Conservative Statesman*, considered the definitive biography of Hampton and the 2006 winner of the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award. He lives in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

From the Back Cover

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"Millions of Americans devoutly believe that Abraham Lincoln's war 'to preserve the union and free the slaves' was a righteous mission that forms the high point of our country's history. Mr. Cisco, concisely and without emotion, portrays the extent to which that war was waged with gratuitous brutality, persecution, terror, destruction, and murder against the civilian population of the South--free and slave, black and white, rich and poor. And he leaves no doubt that these war crimes were not incidental and accidental but were deliberate, pervasive, and sanctioned at the highest level with malice aforethought. Americans who read *War Crimes Against Southern Civilians* will have a more sober and true, and less self-righteous, understanding of our country."

--Clyde N. Wilson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, University of South Carolina

"At last the South is recovering sufficiently from intellectual imperialism for her real scholars and intellectuals to mount a countercharge. Academic history has for many years been written from the standpoint of the war's victors, both in the North and South, but that stranglehold is finally ending. Cisco's volume is yet another volley in that war for truth. Every seeker of the real story behind the sanitised myths of American history should read this book."

--James Everett Kibler, author of *Memory's Keep and Our Fathers' Fields*

Author Walter Brian Cisco has published articles in *Southern Partisan*, *Civil War*, and *Confederate Veteran*. His book *Wade Hampton: Confederate Warrior, Conservative Statesman* won the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award from the Military Order of the Stars and Bars in 2006. This is his first book with Pelican.

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