

Authors Critiquing Lincoln

John Avery Emison	Lincoln Uber Alles: Dictatorship Comes to America		
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Despite common misconceptions, Southern states were within their rights to withdraw from the Union, and they still have that right today. In this comprehensive volume, author John Avery Emison supports the South's decision to secede from the controlling federal government; condemns the response of President Lincoln that resulted in murder, plundering, and mass devastation; and emphasizes that the Civil War was not a battle for racial justice but a conflict caused by the economic dissimilarities between the North and South. The sovereign South did not battle for control of Washington, D.C.; it fought for independence from a political tyrant, Abraham Lincoln. The author describes the desire to secede as a one-sided political divorce. As in a marriage, one opposing party cannot coerce the other to remain in the union, especially by force. In a series of riveting chapters, Emison explains why each of Lincoln's "Machiavellian" actions, such as the declaration of war without a vote of Congress, the destructive invasion of states by Union intruders, and the blockade of Southern ports, were illegal. He supports his theories with the Supreme Court doctrines of unmistakability, legislative entrenchment, and equal footing while explaining why the often-referenced court case of *Texas v. White* should not be used to debate the legality of secession, as it was based on the biased opinion of a powerful Lincoln appointee, Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. Additional historical analysis is provided by such notable historians as Kenneth M. Stampp, Leon Litwak, and John Marszalek. Not only did the war devastate the South, but Emison believes it opened the doors to Lincoln's establishment of a totalitarian regime. In his pungent and engrossing book, the author explores the legality of secession, Lincoln's horrific war crimes against Southern civilians, and the controlling central government of present-day America. [Back Flap] John Avery Emison is an environmental scientist who has worked as a science reporter for the Oak Ridger and as an editor of a business newspaper in eastern Tennessee. As a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, he has a keen interest in Southern history and constitutional law. Emison graduated with a B.A. in liberal arts from Union University, a M.S. in physical geography from Memphis State University, and a Ph.D. in resource geography from Oregon State University. The author resides in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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