

Rethinking the Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction: Cambridge Studies on the American South



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The Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction is a Cambridge Studies on the American South book that examines the Supreme Court's role in shaping the legal and political landscape of the Reconstruction era. The book is written by historian Michael J. Klarman, and it argues that the Court's decisions during this period had a profound impact on the course of American history.

Klarman begins by providing a brief overview of the Reconstruction era, which lasted from 1865 to 1877. During this period, the federal government attempted to rebuild the South and reintegrate it into the Union. The

Supreme Court played a major role in this process, and its decisions had a significant impact on the lives of African Americans and other marginalized groups.

One of the most important decisions of the Supreme Court during the Reconstruction era was the Slaughter-House Cases (1873). In this case, the Court ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment did not apply to the states, and that it only protected citizens from infringements of their rights by the federal government. This decision had a devastating impact on the civil rights movement, and it prevented the federal government from taking action to protect African Americans from discrimination and violence.

Another important decision of the Supreme Court during the Reconstruction era was the Civil Rights Cases (1883). In this case, the Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional. This decision effectively ended the federal government's efforts to protect the civil rights of African Americans, and it paved the way for the Jim Crow era.

Klarman argues that the Supreme Court's decisions during the Reconstruction era had a profound impact on the course of American history. He argues that the Court's decisions helped to create a system of racial inequality that lasted for decades. He also argues that the Court's decisions prevented the federal government from taking action to protect the civil rights of African Americans.

The Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction is a well-written and thought-provoking book. Klarman provides a comprehensive overview of the Supreme Court's role in the Reconstruction era, and he offers a fresh perspective on this important period in American history. The book is a

must-read for anyone interested in the history of Reconstruction or the Supreme Court.

Further Reading

- The Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction by Michael J. Klarman
- Michael J. Klarman
- Reconstruction Era
- Reconstruction



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