



# Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South)

*Benjamin G. Cloyd*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South)

*Benjamin G. Cloyd*

**Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South)** Benjamin G. Cloyd

During the Civil War, approximately 56,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died in enemy military prison camps. Even in the midst of the war's shocking violence, the intensity of the prisoners' suffering and the brutal manner of their deaths provoked outrage, and both the Lincoln and Davis administrations manipulated the prison controversy to serve the exigencies of war. As both sides distributed propaganda designed to convince citizens of each section of the relative virtue of their own prison system -- in contrast to the cruel inhumanity of the opponent -- they etched hardened and divisive memories of the prison controversy into the American psyche, memories that would prove difficult to uproot. In *Haunted by Atrocity*, Benjamin G. Cloyd deftly analyzes how Americans have remembered the military prisons of the Civil War from the war itself to the present, making a strong case for the continued importance of the great conflict in contemporary America.

Throughout Reconstruction and well into the twentieth century, Cloyd shows, competing sectional memories of the prisons prolonged the process of national reconciliation. Events such as the trial and execution of CSA Captain Henry Wirz -- commander of the notorious Andersonville prison -- along with political campaigns, the publication of prison memoirs, and even the construction of monuments to the prison dead all revived the painful accusations of deliberate cruelty. As northerners, white southerners, and African Americans contested the meaning of the war, these divisive memories tore at the scars of the conflict and ensured that the subject of Civil War prisons remained controversial.

By the 1920s, the death of the Civil War generation removed much of the emotional connection to the war, and the devastation of the first two world wars provided new contexts in which to reassess the meaning of atrocity. As a result, Cloyd explains, a more objective opinion of Civil War prisons emerged -- one that condemned both the Union and the Confederacy for their callous handling of captives while it deemed the mistreatment of prisoners an inevitable consequence of modern war. But, Cloyd argues, these seductive arguments also deflected a closer examination of the precise responsibility for the tragedy of Civil War prisons and allowed Americans to believe in a comforting but ahistorical memory of the controversy. Both the recasting of the town of Andersonville as a Civil War village in the 1970s and the 1998 opening of the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville National Historic Site reveal the continued American preference for myth over history -- a preference, Cloyd asserts, that inhibits a candid assessment of the evils committed during the Civil War.

The first study of Civil War memory to focus exclusively on the military prison camps, *Haunted by Atrocity* offers a cautionary tale of how Americans, for generations, have unconsciously constructed their recollections of painful events in ways that protect cherished ideals of myth, meaning, identity, and, ultimately, a deeply rooted faith in American exceptionalism.

 [Download Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online](#) Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in Americ ...pdf

## **Download and Read Free Online Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) Benjamin G. Cloyd**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Frances Lawler:**

Do you have favorite book? When you have, what is your favorite's book? E-book is very important thing for us to be aware of everything in the world. Each book has different aim or perhaps goal; it means that guide has different type. Some people experience enjoy to spend their time to read a book. These are reading whatever they consider because their hobby is reading a book. How about the person who don't like studying a book? Sometime, person feel need book after they found difficult problem or perhaps exercise. Well, probably you will want this Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South).

#### **Henrietta Jimerson:**

Book is to be different per grade. Book for children until adult are different content. As we know that book is very important for us. The book Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) has been making you to know about other information and of course you can take more information. It is quite advantages for you. The publication Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) is not only giving you considerably more new information but also to get your friend when you sense bored. You can spend your current spend time to read your guide. Try to make relationship with all the book Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South). You never truly feel lose out for everything in case you read some books.

#### **Mildred Kelly:**

Many people spending their time by playing outside together with friends, fun activity together with family or just watching TV the whole day. You can have new activity to invest your whole day by reading a book. Ugh, do you consider reading a book really can hard because you have to bring the book everywhere? It ok you can have the e-book, bringing everywhere you want in your Smartphone. Like Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) which is finding the e-book version. So , try out this book? Let's find.

#### **Robert Mangino:**

You can find this Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by check out the bookstore or Mall. Only viewing or reviewing it can to be your solve problem if you get difficulties to your knowledge. Kinds of this book are various. Not only by simply written or printed but additionally can you enjoy this book by means of e-book. In the modern era including now, you just looking from your mobile phone and searching what your problem. Right now, choose your personal ways to get more information about your guide. It is most important to arrange you to ultimately make your knowledge are still upgrade. Let's try to choose suitable ways for you.

**Download and Read Online Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons  
in American Memory (Making the Modern South) Benjamin G.  
Cloyd #P8DYLCOU1HE**

## **Read Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd for online ebook**

Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd books to read online.

### **Online Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd ebook PDF download**

**Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd Doc**

**Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd Mobipocket**

**Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory (Making the Modern South) by Benjamin G. Cloyd EPub**