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Author Douglas R. Egerton, asks us, “Why did it take so long to end slavery in the United States, and what did it mean that the nation existed eighty-eight years as a “house divided against itself,” as Abraham Lincoln put it?” (Back cover entry) Then Egerton goes on to say, “In no other nation was (slavery) so prolonged as in the United States…from 1777 when Vermont wrote slavery out of its state constitution, to 1865, when the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery nationwide.”

Egerton also points out that “African Americans played a central role in ending slavery in the US, “fueled by Revolutionary ideals of self-rule and universal equality, slaves and free blacks—both on their own and alongside abolitionists—slowly turned American opinion against the slave interests in the South.” (Back cover entry)

This intense work by Rael is highly recommended for scholars and students of history of the South and of the Atlantic region. Notes and Index run from page 331 to page 381. A number of black and white illustrations provide flavor to the text.

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