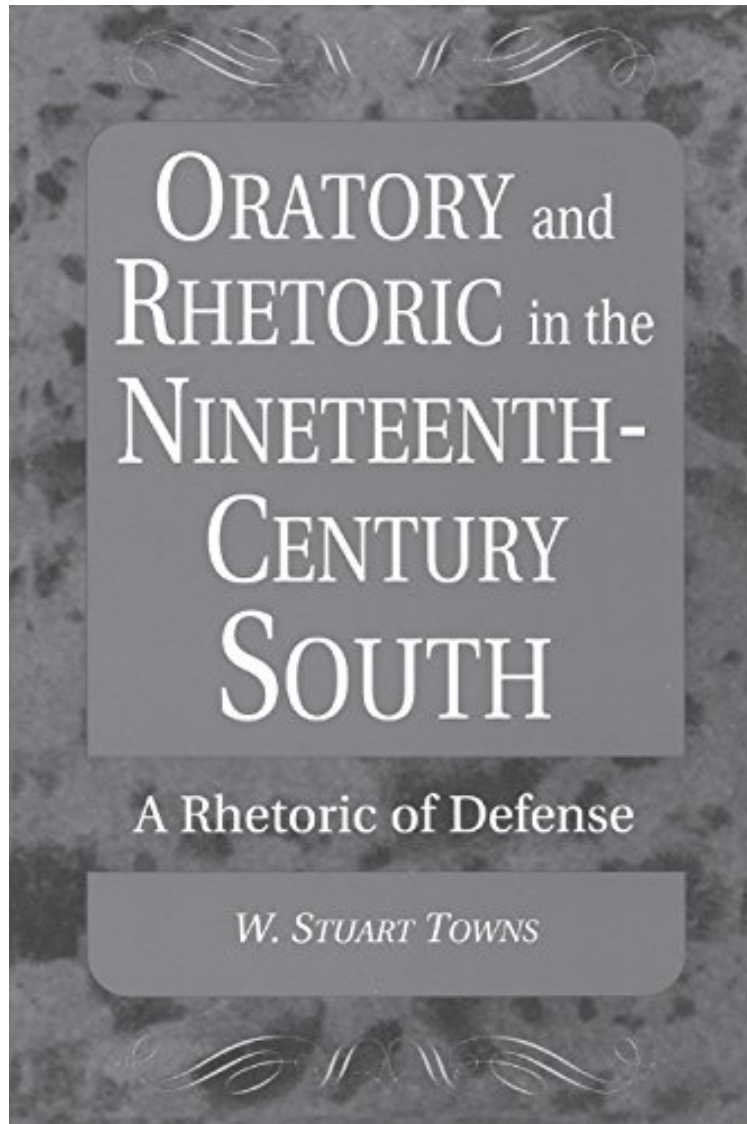


# Oratory and Rhetoric in the Nineteenth-Century South: A Rhetoric of Defense

*W. Stuart Towns*

*ePub | \*DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



 Download

 Read Online

#9634379 in Books W Stuart Towns 2000-02-28Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.21 x .49 x 6.14l, .74  
#File Name: 027596969X232 pagesOratory and Rhetoric in the Nineteenth Century South A Rhetoric of  
Defense | File size: 75.Mb

**W. Stuart Towns : Oratory and Rhetoric in the Nineteenth-Century South: A Rhetoric of Defense** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oratory and Rhetoric in the Nineteenth-Century South: A Rhetoric of Defense:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From the New South of the 19th Century to a Reawakened Naion of

the 21st Century By William H. Shaker This is written in clear and concise language. The section on Bishop Atticus G. Haygood is worth the price of the book

The only modern collection of speeches by southerners on the themes that have shaped the history and culture of the region, this anthology, which spans eighty tumultuous years of southern history, reflects the strategies of southern orators as they attempted to defend the indefensible, as well as those few who advocated a more compassionate South. Southern leaders were judged largely by their oratorical ability and their skills in defending the southern way of life. Accordingly, they placed much emphasis on developing consummate rhetorical skills. Thus, one can read the history of the region in the speeches of its politicians, ministers, and other public figures. Beginning in 1820 with the debates over the admission of Missouri to the Union, many southerners took a defensive posture against those forces from outside the region which they saw as threats to their culture. While the rhetoric of most southern leaders was clearly defensive, one must remember that they were dealing with the difficult issues of slavery; the relationship of federal and state government; their vision of the ideal society; the coming civil war and its aftermath; and living in a defeated, desolate, war-torn region. As demagogic, defensive, and archaic as they may seem today, these speakers developed and expanded patterns of thought and rhetorical strategy that echoed throughout the region. The collective memory that they created would shape their contemporaries and affect the lives of generations to follow.

... "well organized, well written, and represent an important resource for students of rhetoric, history, the South, and the development of American culture." -The Southern Quarterly "[T]his admirably edited, printed, and cased volume is highly recommended for all collections." -Choice "This admirably edited, printed, and cased volume is highly recommended for all collections." -Choice "[T]his admirably edited, printed, and cased volume is highly recommended for all collections." -Choice "...well organized, well written, and represent an important resource for students of rhetoric, history, the South, and the development of American culture." -The Southern Quarterly... "well organized, well written, and represent an important resource for students of rhetoric, history, the South, and the development of American culture." -The Southern Quarterly About the Author W. STUART TOWNS is the Department Chair of Communication Arts at the University of West Florida, where he has taught since 1968. From 1975 through 1995 he was a member of the Consulting Faculty at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is the author of numerous articles on Southern oratory and communications within the military.