After reading this book (as a military veteran and northerner) it would seem that no one can conclude other than that Lincoln intentionally started the War. How many realize that armistices existed with South Carolina (December 6th, 1860 involving Ft Sumter) and Florida (January 29th, 1861 involving Ft Pickens)? To violate any part of the terms of an armistice means that a state of war exists. Lincoln apparently violated both before Ft Sumter was fired upon by the South but this has been covered up by court and gatekeeper historians. It was asserted unequivocally, that the election of 1860 empowered Lincoln's 'party' to enforce their political theories on the country, regardless of the Constitution, the laws, the rights of the States, or the decisions of the Supreme Court; and that Lincoln would do so. However, five days before Lincoln was inaugurated Congress passed a Resolution pronouncing the practice of pushing political theories using "legalized" force exercised by the Federal Government (as promulgated by Sam Chase and several Northern States), to be violations of the Constitution. The new Congress (elected Nov 1860) was more favorable to the Constitution being upheld than the outgoing Congress.

Knowing this Lincoln ordered an army of 75,000 men to be organized and equipped without Congress's approval and prevented Congress from convening until July 1861 when War was assured. Read Lincoln's First Inaugural Address. He cared much more about His tariff that supported the Federal Government (paid about 80% by the South) than anything WRT slavery (see Robert DiLorenzo's books among others on this). This book is an important addition to inclusive history providing information most people have not been exposed to as the historical myths pressed upon the American people by big government elites and a biased academia continue to be exposed.

This is a succinct timeline of the deceptions and head fakes used to put South Carolina into the position of having to fire upon Fort Sumter to prevent its being rearmed and activated as a tariff collection. It is a
reprint of the first work written with access to correspondence that was secret at the time, some of which is printed in the book, as well as unavailable to the major players when they wrote their memoirs. Though it has the whiff of high dudgeon common to Southern refutations of Union war propaganda, it gets to the point and makes a definitive case. The scholarship and logical exposition are deadly.

I read others that documented the real reason for the secession, and Judge Napolitano's exposure of the loss of total freedom during Lincoln's office days. ...(He explains in every war the US has had since then, civil rights have been abolished, as the first thing they do including the Patriot Act, is to prevent citizens from the right to a trial.) However, they missed the truth that this book exposes, lies about the actual start of the war.

It's interesting that there is now a secession movement in California, due to their paying more to the federal govt than they receive....What happens to them if they vote to leave? Will Washington follow Stalin and Lincoln and send in troops, or will it be Gorbachev's era when the troops of the USSR refused to go into Poland to stop the secession?

I have been searching for these records for many years and could not find them in the LOC or the National Archives, only "notes" about them, but this little book led me right to them....! The library of Cornell University has the full records of both the Union and Confederate Armies and Navies and here in lies the truth about who started the war and why.... "REVENUE"......not slavery....! [...]

A must read for anyone researching the facts surrounding the iniation of War by Lincoln. The book is short but contains a lot of copies of short orders to subordinate officers who were told to initiate conflict. The Civil War was a senseless war. Lincoln's deceptive measures cost America almost a million lives. You won't find much of these facts about Lincoln in the history books or biographies of Lincoln. But his actions leading to war are the methods tyrants use.

The truth about our history is what we deserve but even in the 1800's we had spin doctors that had to lie about it. If we study history and learn
from it we are less likely to repeat our mistakes. However, when a historical event is a lie, you can learn nothing of any value.