

Download Deliver Us From Evil The Slavery Question In The Old South

southern white efforts to address the “slavery question,” or more precisely, a series of contentious and divisive questions about the proper place, size, importance, and “configuration” of slavery in southern society. A major contribution to our understanding of slavery in the early republic, *Deliver Us from Evil* illuminates the white South's twisted and tortured efforts to justify slavery, focusing on the period from the drafting of the federal constitution in 1787 through the age of Jackson. While the upper South's slave masters hoped this “demographic reconfiguration” would deliver them from evil, those of the lower South placed their trust in an “ideological reconfiguration ... The book also shows that there was not one antebellum South but many, and not one southern white mindset but several, with the debates over slavery in the upper South quite different in substance from those in the deep South.