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Baton Rouge—Long after the Civil War ended, one conflict raged on: the battle to define and shape the war's legacy. ***Across the Bloody Chasm: The Culture of Commemoration among Civil War Veterans*** deftly examines Civil War veterans' commemorative efforts and the concomitant—and sometimes conflicting—movement for reconciliation.

Though former soldiers from both sides of the war celebrated the history and values of the newly reunited America, a deep divide remained between people in the North and South as to how the country's past should be remembered. Union soldiers could not forget that their southern counterparts had taken up arms against them, while Confederates maintained that the principles of states' rights and freedom from tyranny aligned with the beliefs and intentions of the founding fathers. Through regimental histories, speeches at veterans' gatherings, monument dedications, and war narratives, **M. Keith Harris** uncovers how veterans from both sides kept the deadliest war in American history alive in memory at a time when the nation seemed determined to move beyond conflict.

M. Keith Harris is an independent historian.

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Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., is the Leon Ford Professor of History at Southeastern Louisiana University and the author of several books, including ***Pistols and Politics: The Dilemma of Democracy in Louisiana's Florida Parishes, 1810–1899***.

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