

In *Snakebit: Prelude to War*, first book in the Snakebit series, John Poniske paints an honest portrait of an authentic American family navigating a country torn in half.

The Garretts are farmers residing in western Maryland during the antebellum era of the American South. Living in a border state, where folks take sides and emotions run hot, the family finds themselves in “snakebit country,” where racial injustice threatens to tear their society apart. Caught between the struggle to maintain their farm and the dark issue of human slavery, the Garretts must choose which side to support.

With a riveting cast of characters and historical details often overlooked by contemporary storytellers, this historically accurate novel depicts America’s most tumultuous time period. Raw, uncompromising, and compassionate, Poniske’s debut work offers readers an unforgettable glimpse of the dark deeds, acts of heroism, and destructive attitudes that still cling to the American zeitgeist today.

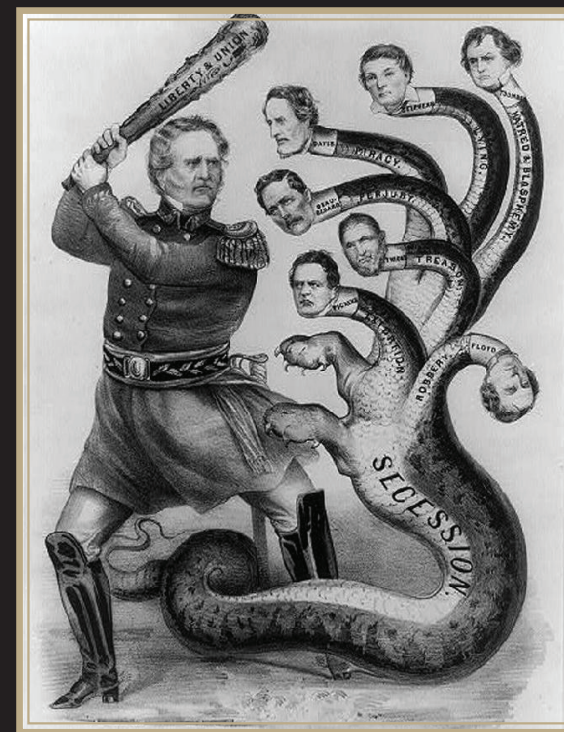


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