Westport Library Presents

Author Connor Williams Book Launch Party



Tuesday
November 10, 2026
6:30pm

Free
$20 suggested donation to support the library

Join Middlebury College historian and Westport resident Connor Williams as he talks about his new book, *The Confederacy Myth: How an Insurrection of Slaveholders Tried to Destroy the United States.*

What can Americans learn about our divided country today from the Civil War that divided us in the past? Connor Williams's new book answers that question with a blistering historical exposé in a reframing of our understanding of the Confederacy towards what it really was - a relatively small insurrection of uncompromising fanatics that plunged the nation into its deadliest war.

The Confederacy Myth reveals the truth about the Confederacy by unraveling its myths and uncovering its perilous political tactics, irate ideologies, reckless brand of warfare, impotent governance, and enduring commitment to slavery. Most importantly, Williams reminds us why the United States prevailed in the Civil War: five out of six Americans resisted the Confederate insurgency and instead put everything on the line to fight for democracy so that our Republic would have a new birth of freedom.

The Confederacy Myth is at once an eye-opening work of history as well as a timely reminder of our duties as citizens today.

"Exceptional...This is a much-needed reframing of what catalyzes civil strife." - Publishers Weekly, starred review.

Join us at the library for discussion and refreshments.

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