

Simkins, Francis Butler. *Pitchfork Ben Tillman, South Carolinian*. 1944. Portrait of the Governor and U.S. Senator who led the agrarian revolt in South Carolina in the 1890s.


Pinckney, Josephine. *Three O’Clock Dinner*. 1945. Two Charleston families, one old and one new, meet over a traditional Sunday dinner.


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This reading list will acquaint you with the unique people, places and things that have made South Carolina a great state. Your local library will be happy to assist you in locating these books.

Barrett, John G. Sherman’s March through the Carolinas. 1956.
Balanced account of the military campaign and the human drama

The upcountry in the American Revolution

Unique study of the Reconstruction agency created to help freed slaves acquire land

Oral history and photographs of a Gullah community

Dramatic account of events leading to the Civil War

Diarist’s intimate view of the people and events of the Confederacy

A schoolteacher’s experiences on Daufuskie (“Yamacraw”) Island in the 1960s

Cooper, William J. The Conservative Regime: South Carolina, 1877-1890. 1968.
Study of the ideology and politics of the Democratic planter class after the Civil War

Social, political, and cultural history of Charleston from 1670 to 1989

The beginning of the sectional conflict that led to the Civil War

Legends, people, and places of the upstate

An informal history for the general reader

A reconstruction of slave life in one lowcountry district

Narrative of the significant battles fought in South Carolina

Merrell, James Hart. The Indians’ New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal. 1989.
Study of the Catawba Indians and their adaptation to a changing America

Vivid account of one of the crucial battles of the Revolution

Milling, Chapman J. Red Carolinians. 1940.
General history of blacks in South Carolina in the twentieth century

Life on a lowcountry rice plantation in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries

Journalist’s memoir of the places and people of his youth

Rogers, George C. Charleston in the Age of the Pinckneys. 1969.
History of Charleston’s “golden age” from the 1730s to the 1830s

Rogers, James A. Theodosia and Other Pee Dee Sketches. 1978.
People, places, and events in the history of the Pee Dee region

An account of abolition and Reconstruction on the Union-held Sea Islands

Sketches of South Carolina communities originally published in the Charleston News and Courier

Overview of the colony from exploration to Revolution

Wright, Louis B. South Carolina, a Bicentennial History. 1976.
Interpretive story of the state’s history

Revolutionary War hero whose fighting spirit earned him the nickname “Gamecock”

Legendary guerrilla fighter of the American Revolution

First-person accounts collected in the 1930s

Story of the notorious Bigham family of the Pee Dee

Coit, Margaret L. John C. Calhoun, American Portrait. 1950.
Best one-volume biography of South Carolina’s most famous statesman

A black Charlestonian’s memories of her life from 1888 to the present

The Hammonds of Redcliffe. 1981.
Saga of a plantation family told through their correspondence

Huff, Archie V. Langdon Cheves of South Carolina. 1977.
S.C. Congressman, planter, and president of the Bank of the United States in the early national period

Controversial journalist whose career ended with his assassination in 1903