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The author makes a careful comparison of “the knights of the tiller” in *Life on the Mississippi* with the “knights of labor” in one of Mark Twain’s less well-known speeches, “The New Dynasty,” and provides a new and illuminating look at the influence on Mark Twain’s thought and writings of the growing American labor movement of the 1880s.

**BOOKS**


This scholarly work illuminates an important but largely unstudied aspect of US civil rights history by analyzing the sustained and mutually beneficial relations forged between professional anti-Communists in the North and segregationist politicians and officials in the South in the latter’s efforts to perpetuate their crumbling caste system during the 1950s and 1960s.