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remained the core of social life; women's groups continued to meet; parties and concerts added amusement to people's lives. But war did make drastic changes. People lost loved ones, and knew the hardship of living from day to day as prices soared and goods, once necessities, became unobtainable luxuries. Coleman weaves a broad and illuminating tapestry of a people who met a great challenge while managing to hold on to, for as long as possible, their peacetime ways.

This book on day-to-day life in Confederate Athens gives one a different perspective on the Civil War from the storm-and-stress volumes on war and politics. (Journal of American History) About the Author Kenneth Coleman was professor of history at the University of Georgia and the author of numerous books about the state. He coedited the "Colonial Records of Georgia" (Georgia).