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John G. Selby describes in vivid prose their seven intriguing lives based on their diary entries, letters, and memoirs. These stories reveal insights into the thoughts and motivations of Confederates loyal to the "cause" until the very end.

Readers will meet a struggling young mother Susan Caldwell, who weathered the war in her husband's absence; Amanda "Tee" Edmonds, a typical Southern "belle"; Sergeant John Worsham, who was wounded at the Battle of Winchester and rendered homebound; and gloomy Private Henry "Robin" Berkeley, whose military career culminated in imprisonment.

They will follow Alexander "Fred" Fleet's transition from college freshman to first lieutenant and William Poague's adjustment from law student to lieutenant colonel. Students will also encounter the sober Lucy Buck, who prayed faithfully for a Confederate victory while enduring Union occupation and struggling with the death of a beloved relative.

Author John G. Selby clearly shows that despite modern beliefs that war transforms people; these seven individuals were shaped by the war, but their essential characters remained the same. Through the lives of these men and women, readers will come to understand what the war meant to those who fought and survived it.



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