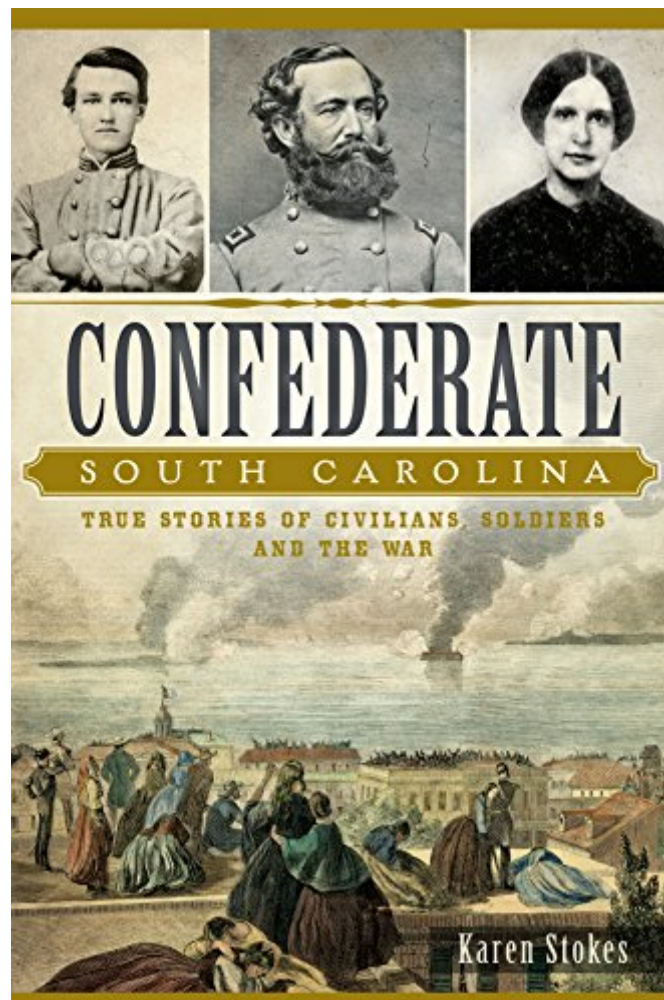


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This microcosm of the "Civil War" is an essential part of knowing the "why" of secession. It is thoroughly researched and annotated. The archival material utilized will be fresh to most readers, whether it is correspondence or documents emphasized. I had read articles by the author and was

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The author is an archivist with the South Carolina Historical Society and has given us an insightful, well-researched and well-written book with a nice feel to it. Might as well be a wide-screen view of Confederate South Carolina during the War Between the States. The pictures of people and events she writes about come from original sources and are beautifully vividly reproduced. This book is scholarly and imminently quotable but personal and easy to get into. Thoroughly enjoyed it!

Well researched and written.

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