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personal motives in all his actions which disregarded any adherence to the Constitution which he swore to support and defend. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The brilliantly and elegantly written words of the late and greatly-lamented Honourable Jefferson Davis By Geoffrey Woollard Confederate President Jefferson Davis's 'The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government' was first published as a two-volume set of more than 1,500 pages in 1881. It sold well but, though numerous sets must still exist, the price of a good one is way beyond my pocket. However, now 'sells' - almost for free - the Kindle edition and as a proud Kindle owner (courtesy of my generous son) and an inveterate Confederate supporter, I couldn't resist this extraordinary modern edition as an addition to my reading. I am so grateful to my son, to and to the late Mr Davis, whose reproduced portrait hangs near my fireplace and principal reading recliner chair. (What would Jeff Davis have said if he could have foreseen my being able to read in the England that he came to enjoy his inimitable writings, written more than 132 years ago as the only real 'insider' at the centre of affairs of the Confederate States of America?). But what of the books? They are eye-openers, even to those who have picked up snippets of information and studied the people and places that became world-renowned during those frightful years of so-called 'civil war' in what we now call again the United States. I have to say that my sympathies, always inclined towards supporting the Confederate cause, are even more firmly behind the well-known heroes and the heroic ordinary people of the Southern Confederate States who, rightly, believed that they had the right to secede from the former Union. Moreover, the Northern and Republican Lincoln regime was wrong to attempt to coerce those States into rejoining their ruined and ruinous Union. Attempts at coercion soon morphed into blatant law-breaking. Lincoln illegally called for 75,000 volunteers to invade the South. Lincoln illegally threw into jail those in such as Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio who were not regarded as 'loyal' (to the Lincoln regime). Lincoln illegally blockaded the Southern ports so as to prevent legal trade between the seceded Southern States and the European powers. Lincoln illegally detained the Southern emissaries Mason and Slidell who were aboard a British ship on the high seas steaming to Europe. An international war nearly resulted. Lincoln illegally ordered his generals (the least dishonourable of whom was George McClellan) to invade the Confederate States and to wreak death and destruction wherever they went. Lincoln illegally ignored the Constitution of the United States and conveniently forgot the rights of the States. Lincoln and his allies eventually and illegally won a war that they labelled an 'insurrection' and they set up illegal 'governments' in said States much after the style of Stalin in Eastern Europe after the second World War. They illegally ruined for a hundred years a fine people - white and black together - who didn't deserve to be dealt with thus. The names of the illegal Lincoln, the appalling Sherman, the destroyer Sheridan and the killer Grant may be revered to this day at the North and in the ignorant world that knows no better, but they are still reviled in the old South and rightly so. How do I know this with such certainty? Because I have now read that which I ought to have read much earlier in my life, the brilliantly and elegantly written words of the head honcho himself, the late and greatly-lamented Honourable Jefferson Davis. Long live Dixie! (A cousin of mine, Mr John George Witt, met Mr Jefferson Davis when he came to England in 1869. My cousin wrote that 'Mr Davis was a delightful man of the most simple manners, and it is worthy of remark that, like Mr [George] Eustis, he spoke with an English accent. He and Mr [Judah Philip] Benjamin went with me one summer day to Eton College where we had lunch with Provost Goodford, and after a look at Windsor Castle drove to the river-side inn, the Bells of Ouseley, to tea. Mr Davis walked about the old-fashioned room adorned with prints of race-horses and coaches. No man could be more delighted. "I have read," said he, "heard and dreamed of such a room in such an inn in England, but never hoped to visit one," and I am sure that he enjoyed the tea and bread and butter and boiled eggs more than any dinner ever set before him. "Now," said Mr Benjamin, "this is the first time he has laughed since the fall of Fort Sumter." If any American will visit the College Library at Eton he will find the signatures of Mr Davis and Mr Benjamin in the Visitors' Book, and I am proud to think that my signature is bracketed with them. We also visited the Island of Runymede, where King John signed Magna Charta. We were all affected by the genius loci, and Mr Davis lingered on the island, recalling that here the barons had won these liberties which are the rich inheritance of our race').

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