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Editorial Review

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During the Civil War, Washington, D.C., was a boomtown. Against the distant sound of cannon fire, the city multiplied in size as various groups of people flowed in. Office seekers, military casualties, and escaping slaves lent the city a turbulent wartime sociology that Winkle probes. First, however, he depicts antebellum Washington during Abraham Lincoln's 1847–49 term in Congress. Recounting Lincoln's and fellow antislavery politicians' encounters with the peculiar institution, Winkle underscores the complicated legal conditions imposed on blacks, free and enslaved. He carries the legal scaffolding of D.C. slavery into the war years, when Congress abolished it by gradations, and details each step's ramifications on Washington's blacks and whites. Lincoln's personal and political part in these proceedings does not dominate but rather supplements Winkle's narratives of people drawn into the city as battle casualties or fugitives from slavery. His anecdotes of individual cases usefully illustrate his deployment of statistics about hospitals and refugee camps. Reminiscent of Margaret Leech's classic *Reveille in Washington* (1941), Winkle's history modernizes a story ever attractive to Civil War readers. --Gilbert Taylor

Review

“Well-researched and thoroughly engaging, Winkle’s history is a welcome addition to a body of Civil War literature that too often privileges men and massacres.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Eloquently chronicles the transformation of the capital wrought by the Civil War.” (James M. McPherson, author of *War on the Waters: The Union and Confederate Navies, 1861–1865*)

“Kenneth Winkle has earned a reputation for original research, expert interpretation, and crackerjack storytelling, and all these attributes are on full display in *Lincoln’s Citadel*. This is an invaluable addition to the Lincoln bookshelf.” (Harold Holzer, chairman, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation, and author of *Lincoln President-Elect*)

“A marvelous book?and a must-read!”” (Jay Winik, author of *April 1865*)

“A skillful portrait of the nation’s capital as microcosm of a nation divided. A deep-reaching study of a city in wartime, which Washingtonians and visitors, to say nothing of students of the Civil War, will find to be of great interest” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Sets a new standard for research and insight into wartime Washington. Kenneth Winkle has taken the political intrigue of the nation’s besieged capital and turned it into the setting for a remarkable series of human stories about the ordinary men and women who rallied to help President Lincoln save the Union.” (Matthew Pinsker, author of *Lincoln’s Sanctuary*)

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