Record Nr. UNINA9910809313103321 Autore Noe Kenneth W. <1957-> Titolo Reluctant rebels: the Confederates who joined the Army after 1861 / / Kenneth W. Noe Chapel Hill, : University of North Carolina Press, c2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 979-88-9313-416-2 1-4696-0407-8 0-8078-9563-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (334 p.) Collana Civil War America Disciplina 973.7/13 Soldiers - Confederate States of America - History Soggetti Soldiers - Confederate States of America - Social conditions Confederate States of America Social conditions United States History Civil War, 1861-1865 Social aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Introduction: What they did not fight for -- pt. 1. "When our rights were Nota di contenuto threatened" -- Duty, honor, country: "Patriotism is a fine word for historians" -- Slavery: "The principle cause of the war" -- pt. 2. "Fighting for the property we gained by honest toil" -- Women: "Do the best you can" -- Hatred: "Vandal hordes" -- Pay: "Fighting for money instead of their country" -- pt. 3. "We are a band of brothers and native to the soil" -- Religion: "Let us meet in heaven" -- Comrades: "All my neighbor boys" -- Weariness: "We have suffered enough" -- Battle: "The elephant" -- Appendix. Sommario/riassunto After the feverish mobilization of secession had faded, why did Southern men join the Confederate army? Kenneth Noe examines the motives and subsequent performance of ""later enlisters."" He offers a nuanced view of men who have often been cast as less patriotic and less committed to the cause, rekindling the debate over who these later enlistees were, why they joined, and why they stayed and fought. Noe refutes the claim that later enlisters were more likely to desert or perform poorly in battle and reassesses the argument that they were

less ideologically savvy than their counterpart