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NINETEENTH-CENTURY SOUTHERN LITERATURE, by J. V. Ridgely, The University Press of Kentucky, 1980, 123 pp., \$9.95.

This is an excellent overview of the role of Southern literature in Southern life in the 1800's that merits a wide audience. The sections on historical romance and "local color" are exceptionally good. Although there is nothing really new presented here, this phase of Southern life as viewed by a member of the English faculty of Columbia University should be particularly beneficial to historians, as they peruse a subject as seen by another discipline. Graduate students in English and in Southern United States history would do well to read this book before they take their examinations. So would history faculty before they develop their lectures, especially those teaching survey courses.

Editor

