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inexpensive brown-glazed ceramic that was ubiquitous in

America from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth

century. Popular as an antique today, it is regularly sold at

venues ranging from flea markets to antique shows. Despite its

prevalence in American life for nearly a century and its

continued presence as a collector's item, little has been written

on this subject of vast interest to collectors, museum curators,

historians, and archaeologists. Jane Perkins Clane has written

the first and only full-scale study of Rockingham ware to

consider not just its history as a manufactured object but also

its role in domestic life. Both an artifact study and a case study

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