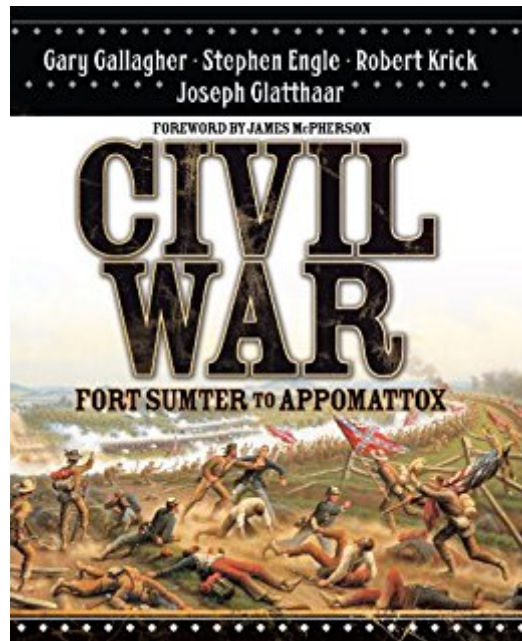




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Customer Reviews

This brief survey benefits from its high quality authors. All of the major campaigns and battles are

covered and although the treatments are short, they are thoughtful and accurate, The authors also find space for topics such as army life and the experiences of lesser known soldiers and civilians. This volume is an excellent introduction to civil war history. For those who would like a more comprehensive treatment there is James McPherson's (he contributed the foreword to this volume) *Battle Cry of Freedom*.

The book is ok as a summary and had some interesting points. Lacks depth. I expected a little more given the quality of the authors.

My greatest interest in history is the Civil War era and this book is great. Although somewhat dry, as most history books are, it is well researched and well documented, loaded with well detailed information. I don't recommend this book for the casual reader, but if you want to learn more of the finer details of the Civil War, this is the book for you.

Clear and concise overview of the war with enough detail to make it interesting but not so much as to bog you down. Good back and forth between the general and the personal. This will have to be a re-read for me. Very good.

Very good book on the history of the Civil War. Full of facts, maps, and some pictures that helped my understanding of the war more complete. I recommend it highly.

This is a great overall summary of the Civil War written primarily from a southern perspective.

Great summary of the Civil War including the causes. Some minor typos like having the one general commanding two different corps in the chapter on Gettysburg.

This volume assumes the reader knows something about the ten years the war raged through the land. It is definitely not a "word-bite" book.

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