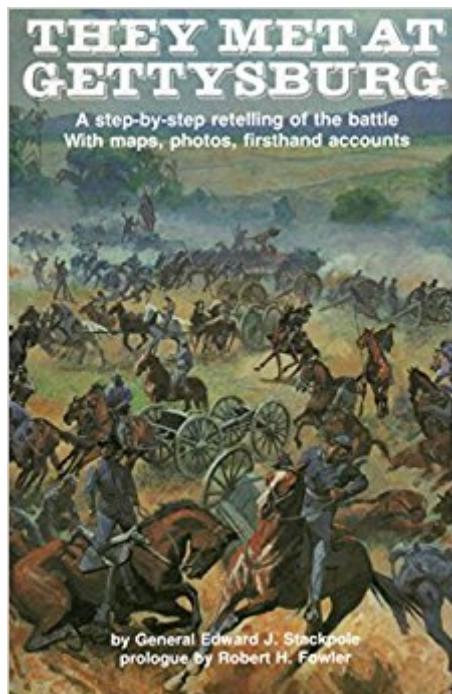


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Customer Reviews

They Met At Gettysburg has long been regarded as the classic treatment of one of the greatest, most fascinating, most decisive battles in history. They Met At Gettysburg offers its drama and insight to a new generation of Americans.

Like many people, I first found out about Gettysburg through the novel, "The Killer Angels," and the movie, "Gettysburg." They are good resources to find out about Gettysburg, but they are not definitive nor do they completely tell the facts about the battle of Gettysburg. I've also read the section on Gettysburg, "The Stars in their Courses" by Shelby Foote which is a good detailed account of the Gettysburg Campaign, but this book, "They Met at Gettysburg: A Step-by-step Retelling of the Battle" is a great detailed, easy to follow account of the Battle of Gettysburg that I felt gave me more information than "The Killer Angels" and was easier to follow than "The Stars in their Courses," which reads like a bard's tale of "The Battle of Gettysburg," as if one was hearing an account of that battle through the voice of a master storyteller which Shelby Foote was. "They Met at Gettysburg" is more a fact-filled, balanced account that explains more to me, the casual historian, who was at fault at Gettysburg for it being fought the way it was and why. Stuart comes out badly, Lee not that much better, and Longstreet doesn't come off as being the more knowledgeable fighter

as he comes off in both "Gettysburg," and "The Killer Angels." Sickles comes off as a person who could have singlehandedly led to the Union Army's defeat, Meade comes off as the man he was, a cautious, deliberate fighter, who determinedly fought off the best Lee could do on those 3 days, and Meade's Chief of Engineers, Gouverneur Kemble Warren, comes off as the man who was, the man who saved Gettysburg by noticing the lack of troops available at both Roundtops, particularly Little Round Top, which could have led to disaster for the Union Army. Usually Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain gets the credit for saving the Union Army on the second day, but in real life, Warren, and General Winfield Scott Hancock should get the credit for saving the Union Army on that key second day, but in Hancock's case, he was also key on the first day on rallying the defeated men to defend Cemetery Ridge and saving the Union cause on that first day as well. If you want to learn the facts, unadorned, and easy to follow, this is the book for you to read on Gettysburg.

I enjoyed "They Met At Gettysburg". I've studied the Civil War pretty extensively, but much of my reading has been about the Trans-Mississippi and western war. I only briefly studied the big battles of the east in college. I grabbed this book to help expand my knowledge to a more full picture. This book gives a great overview of the major players of the battle on both sides with particular emphasis on Lee and Meade. It draws mainly from secondary sources to paint an overall picture of both commanders' leadership style. This is not a minute by minute account of the tactical actions. It's more of a strategic overview. It kept me interested because I've never been overly interested in blow by blow looks at major battles unless they come from the line soldier's point of view. I liked the style of this story and how it was told. It's relatively objective and well written. There are maps and pictures throughout the book. I found them very hard to read on a Kindle. In a paperback, they would be interesting. I love to read maps and see pictures as I go through a history book and was disappointed that I couldn't see any details. I must have picked up this book on a free promotion because I see it's now \$9 on Kindle. I wouldn't pay that for it on Kindle. It is worth the regular price in paperback to me. Overall, I enjoyed this book. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in learning a bit about a pivotal battle of the American Civil War and the commanders who engineered it.

bought this book for a friend, he is a big fan of anything civil war, he loved it!

This is an outstanding detailed book covering all significant aspects and details of the defining battle of the US Civil War - the Battle of Gettysburg. If you love the details of the Civil War, you will delight in this definitive book on the Battle of Gettysburg.

Being a Civil War fan I of course like this book, very informative, Came in a good packaging, didn't have to wait long, the book was in good condition and didn't disappoint.

Gives a simple but clear view of the battle and reasons for the action taken by both sides.

Stackpole was my introduction to many civil war battles. He writes simply and concise and makes you want to investigate these battles more in depth. Of Course these nerds that dont have a life and have read every volume of every civil war battle ever written are not going to like Stackpoles books, this one included, but everyone that has a love and expertise of military history had to start somewhere and if your a novice and want a introduction to this battle this is the book for you. Stackpole eases you into the battle. He is an expert at that. If you like it then certainly go to Coddington's Gettysburg Campaign. This is not the end all book of Gettysburg but if you want your interest piqued Stackpole is an expert. If your a novice and want to be totally baffled by a battle read Showalter's Tannneberg: Clash of Empires. Oh for the guy that said in his review he quit halfway through Stackpole's The Fredricksburg Campaign cause Stackpole took too long to get to the actual fighting. Genius it is calledd The Fredrickburg Campaign not The Battle of Fredricksburg. If it says campaign your going to get almost equal amounts of before, during, and after the battle. If you get a book like that and your bored learn how to skim the boring parts til you get to the meat.

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