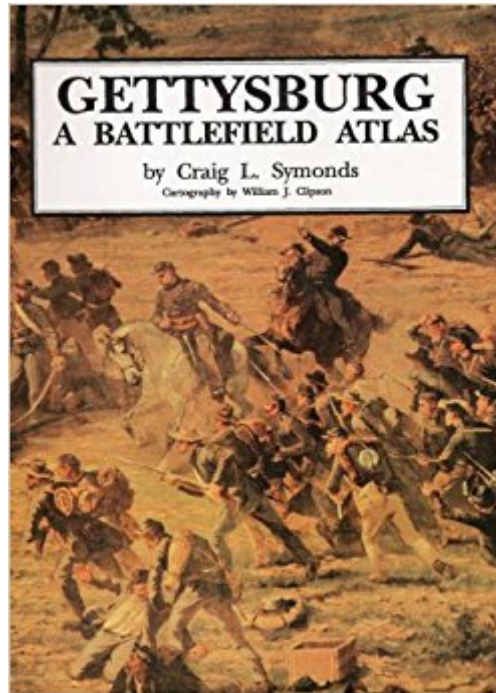




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Synopsis

This compact, yet comprehensive volume provides both narrative history and a cartographic display of the Battle of Gettysburg that makes the events of the engagement both vivid and easy to understand.

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Customer Reviews

"Gettysburg may be the best brief narrative of that well-chronicled battle." --Journal of Southern History

I've always been interested in battle strategies and tactics, and since I live only 3 hours from Gettysburg I've visited the battlefield half a dozen times since even before I was a Cub Scout. I have a shelf full of books and maps about Gettysburg but this book is the absolute best by far with respect to seeing the real drama that occurred on July 1-3, 1863. This is a great book for understanding the skirmishes and troop movements leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg, the battle itself, and the troop movements directly after the battle. The 23 maps are presented on the left-side page while a discussion of the troop movements and officers' decisions are summarized on the right-side page. The maps are excellent to understand as there are numbers on the map that correlate to specific points in the narrative on the right-side page. NOTE: To enhance the readability of the book, buy a Sharpie and a Gel Highlighters and highlight the numbers on the map and the corresponding numbers (in parentheses) in the narrative. This book has a few photos of officers but not many more pictures than that. The end of the book discusses the Gettysburg

address and lists the officers down to brigade level for both armies. Buy this book immediately. I promise that you will not regret it!

Not really what I expected. The author is obviously well versed in the battle and the primary participants, but I had it in my head that this was a large coffee table sized book with a map on every page providing a visual perspective of the text. Not so - but that is probably on me for not reading the description well enough. I'm a American Civil War history buff and love just about anything I can get my hands on regarding the war (don't know what that says about me!). This is probably a good book for a beginner, but if you're moderately educated on the war and this battle in particular, this is not the book for you.

This is an outstanding compilation of maps and hour by hour details of this three day battle which turned the tide of the Civil War. Each time we visit the battlefield I read this book to refresh my memory with the clear description of this famed battle. It is quite comprehensive and efficient in its delivery of the events of this famed battle.

Every visit a Civil War battlefield and not really get it? Even after a quivck tour with the ranger? These maps are very helpful in interpreting the battles ebbs and flows.

The maps and narrative that accompany them provide a very clear overview of the battle. It is not meant to be an exhaustive work, it is an ideal companion to a trip to the battlefield. Read through it a couple of times before the visit and your visit will be much more meaningful.

as an atlas i rate it 9 out of 10i would have liked it in an a3 size formatthe text was excellent in describing the mapsand helped to further understand the scope andand enormity of the battlethe book arrived 12 days after i bought it(when placing order i was advised of a date of 28th november)the only dissappointment was that i found a hole in page 81through the word between "instrument" and " capable" inthe last sentence (what is that word ?)the map on page 82 was not disturbedi think the hole was in the quality of the paper and not feom the printing

As an amateur student of the battle, I like to visit the battlefield. Maps are important to consult as you walk the ground and this book fills the bill for the amateur like me. The text is not overwhelming and the maps are good. The text is a condensed version of the battle. Even though I have read

several books about the battle, I found the text in conjunction with the maps really helped me understand better. My wife agrees that it helped her too. It is not a large book so it will be easy to stuff in a small backpack for a battlefield trek.

The American Civil War has a very steep learning curve. There are so many names and so many details. When I read the Killer Angels, I found I had a little bit of trouble following who was who. Afterwards, when I visited the battlefield I realized I had imagined the battlefield a bit incorrectly. That was a little more than ten years ago. Now I read about the Civil War like some follow soap operas. I'm no longer overwhelmed with detail and I enjoy rereading familiar events from slightly different points of view. The Killer Angels had helped me along quite a bit. After all, half the war was before Gettysburg and half was afterwards, giving me a nice way to organize. But this book was also very helpful. While the National Park Service map provides an excellent tour, so does this book. It also breaks down the action into appropriate time intervals. I particularly recommend this book to those who've read Killer Angels and want to read it again or read more on Gettysburg. Lots of details will fit into place.

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