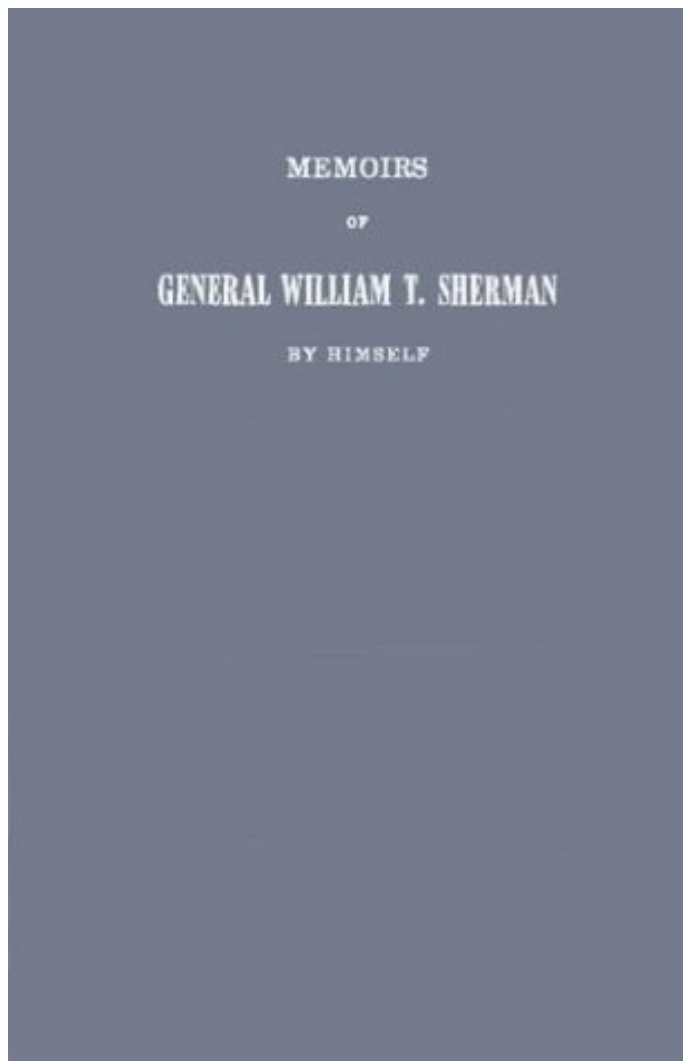

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Description

One of the most colorful figures in Civil War history, General William Tecumseh Sherman was also one of the most complex and intriguing individuals in the war. To some, he was a barbarian; to others, a deliverer. Sherman was and still is immensely quotable. He was also very opinionated and outspoken. "The Memoirs of General W. T. Sherman" is a must-read for anyone studying the Civil War. Though somewhat lengthy, Sherman's memoirs are anything but dry. Many have found this book to be an engaging and very worthwhile autobiography, which any student of the war may profit by reading. Hailed as a prophet of modern war and condemned as a harbinger of modern barbarism, Sherman is the most controversial general of the Civil War. "War is cruelty, you cannot refine it," he wrote in fury to the Confederate mayor of Atlanta, and his memoir is filled with dozens of such wartime exchanges and a fascinating, eerie account of his famous march to the sea. After the Civil War ended, Sherman found himself facing a number of public misrepresentations. Sherman undertook the writing of his memoirs to clear things up. The historical value of "The Memoirs of W. T. Sherman" is enormous. Sherman contributed a great deal to the war, and was partially responsible for the war ending when it did. He conducted one of the most brilliant military campaigns in modern history (actually, they were three campaigns--Atlanta, Savannah, and the Carolinas) and accomplished what many considered to be the impossible. His policy of total war, applied in the South, was utilized by Sheridan in the Shenandoah. Thanks to Sherman's memoirs, we have a step-by-step account of how this policy developed. As a writer, Sherman is engaging, interesting, easy-to-read, and to the point. If you enjoy history or want a detailed view of the Civil War, you will enjoy "The Memoirs of General W. T. Sherman."

Insightful reviews

Paul: General Sherman's life was pretty damned extraordinary, even by the standards of a commanding Civil War general, and this memoir is generally excellent at narrating the first 2/3rds of his life.

The memoir pretty much ends with the immediate aftermath of the Civil War and his assumption of command of the U.S. Army following the election of Ulysses S. Grant as president. I wish he'd gone into more detail about his role in the never-ending wars against the Indians. And make no mistake: Sherman was generally in favor of destroying whatever aspects of native life, society & culture he deemed 'useless' or 'wasteful', albeit not quite as murderous in intent as Gen. Philip 'The Only Good Indian Is A Dead Indian' Sheridan. He also, understandably, treads lightly around the subject of the rampant corruption of the Grant administrations (he & Grant were friends from before the Civil War).

Probably the most purely entertaining reading are the chapters on his early life. There isn't much about his family or childhood, but beginning with his first posting as an Army officer in Florida, there is a continuing stream of interesting and sometimes amusing stories about his travels around the Horn, his years in California, esp. Monterey and San Francisco, and his moonlighting career as a banker in both San Francisco & Missouri.

The bulk of the book, of course, details his experiences during the Civil War. As a first-hand document of the war in the West and South, this is probably unsurpassed. The going can be a bit thick at places: the recitations of the actions of X company of Y regiment of Z brigade of L corps of Q army can be tedious, but they are easily identifiable & skippable. He avows his intention to "*make Georgia howl*" and describes exactly how he did, and how very much he wanted to reduce South Carolina to a smoking ruin because of its leading role in causing the war.

In all, a really interesting look into perhaps the most critical decades and certainly the most important event in American history.

Lee Thackston: Tremendous, unique detail provided. It's easy to see how this is an indispensable reference for anyone writing about Vicksburg, Atlanta, or the March to the Sea. Unlike Grant, Sherman's memoirs has a good amount of original thought and also provides good ideas on the organization of the army that, while dated, should still be required reading for any cadet.

Nick Black: Amazon fulfillment of third-party offering, 2009-09-04. Surely one of the most fascinating and, pound-for-pound, realbadassmuthafuckas America's ever produced. If someone had to burn my hometown, I'm glad it was this guy. What would have been truly epic, in the Achilles/Ajax-and-Hector vein, would have been [Sherman](#) mixing it up with [Bad Bedford Forrest](#), Duke of New York and most definitely H.N.I.C.:

A month later, Forrest was back in action at the Battle of Shiloh (April 6 to April 7, 1862). He commanded a Confederate rear guard after the Union victory. In an incident called Fallen Timbers, he drove through the Union skirmish line. Not realizing that the rest of his men had halted their charge when they got to the full Union brigade behind the skirmishers, Forrest charged the brigade single-handedly, and soon found himself surrounded. He emptied his Colt Army Revolvers into the swirling mass of Union Soldiers and pulled out his saber, hacking and slashing. A Union infantryman fired a musket ball into Forrest's spine with a point-blank musket shot, nearly knocking the cavalry man out of the saddle. Placing a Union infantryman on the back of his saddle to use as a shield, Forrest broke out and galloped back to his incredulous troopers. The musket ball was removed a week later without anesthesia.

I think we all need to silently take a moment and realize nothing we'll ever do, or indeed collectively accomplish, will be as outstanding as that story. If Conrad discovers Wittgenstein III, it will be roughly one-third as groin-grabbingly fiercely wonderful as that anecdote. Sigh. Real sailing is dead!

Paul Kratochwill: Well, it took me your time to accomplish this book, however it used to be definitely worth the time. i assumed I knew much in regards to the American Civil War, yet after analyzing Sherman's memoirs, i've got much to learn. i'd suggest this publication to a person who desires to learn a primary hand account of the way the Union used to be preserved. i lately downloaded the memoirs of united states Grant. i would commence on that book, soon.

Martin: i might been making plans to learn this 1,000 pager for a while. Sherman has me for a minimum of a decade, and that i often cease by way of his statue in D.C. whilst I visit. Interesting notes:--middle identify does come from the Indian chief who Sherman's father admired--his graduating category at West aspect was once fewer than 50 men--first published to rounding up Indians in Florida, received quartermaster responsibility correct away, indicating excessive point of trustworthiness. Opined that Indians must have been left in FL.--almost killed as a baby in a using accident, scarring his face--badly dislocated (and broke) his arm, resulting in a go away of numerous months--grew up within the West as son of an legal professional (in Ohio)--introduction written from St. Louis, approximately as a ways west as a person might get and nonetheless be hooked up to the united states following the Civil War--second introduction, 10 years later, nonetheless in St. Louis, argues the booklet is a memoir so may be an entire background of the Civil struggle and may disagree with concepts and studies of others--got fooled into consuming a sizzling pepper, which he had now not visible prior to going to CA--was in CA for the gold rush, from the 1st day in the course of the top of the rush. Describes infantrymen and sailors deserting to prospect for gold.--took brief depart from military to paintings as a surveyor, because the military didn't pay sufficient to reside within the SF gold rush days--became a banker in SF, observed financial institution runs because the gold panned out--became an lawyer in Kansas regardless of no felony training. Admitted to bar in response to "general intelligence"--was the 1st superintendent (dean) of what grew to become LSU and used to be professor of engineering. was once dwelling in Louisiana while the Civil conflict broke out. He felt a wide majority of Louisianans have been against secession. He additionally felt it used to be simply approximately slavery and he doesn't point out "states rights."--moved to St. Louis to develop into CEO of a railroad--offered activity as Assistant Secretary of the Army. grew to become it down, which annoyed humans in D.C.--became ordinary military officer, a lot of his squaddies had signed up for under three months. Did this bring about the 1st conflict of Bull Run? the necessity for the north to assault ahead of it misplaced troops who'd been in for three months?--fought on the first conflict of Bull Run. misplaced his artillery and his males have been routed. He saw neither part used to be really good organized.--met Lincoln who got here out from D.C. to inspire the troops--did now not notice how uncooked the troops have been at Shiloh--did no longer recognize "Sherman's March" used to be Sherman's idea--He mentioned educate autos as simply "cars," which threw me --"Buncombe" potential "Bunkum" --F.X. Aubrey was once the "Skimmer of the Plains" --"viz." potential "i.e." --he discovered army strategies from books --"sinecure" capability "a place requiring very little paintings yet giving the holder prestige or monetary benefit." --used the word "stage of the game" --used the word "forlorn hope," which I knew from the Sharpe books --"tête de pont" capability "bridgehead" --about 50 officials from each side went to Egypt following the Civil struggle to paintings within the Egyptian military --used the word "poor white trash" --used the word "red-tape" --erysipelas is one of those pores and skin an infection --hyphenated "pea-nuts" --"I am confident that the ingenuity of those more youthful officials complete many stuff much better than i may have ordered." in contrast to present day bureaucracy. --Often slept at the ground or our out doorways whereas campaigning. didn't think in creature comforts for officials --"No you can still perform legislation as an lawyer within the usa with no acknowledging the supremacy of the Government." --learned what a "corduroy road" is --of Lincoln, "Of all of the males I ever met, he looked as if it would own extra of the weather of greatness, mixed with goodness, than any other." --used the be aware "bugbear" --did no longer think there has been misplaced "Confederate Gold" (don't inform Blueberry) --"pusillanimous" capacity timid --praised Wisconsin regiments as equivalent

to a typical brigade because of enhanced organizing --"antiscorbutic" potential a nutrition that stops scurvy --"Every try to make conflict effortless and secure will lead to humiliation and disaster."The post-war element of the publication is simply too short. The bankruptcy on Sherman's view for army association is excellent. the remainder is nearly solely interested in political intrigue among Stanton and Johnson, yet is simply too narrowly taken with Sherman's POV to be intelligible to these no longer in detail accustomed to the history.

Heman: He was once certainly no longer pretty much as good a author as he was once a very good general. The narrative is dry and the elements overlaying the interval of the warfare (which is the most important a part of the book) are often a string of reprinted correspondents, army dispatches, and statistical army lists. at times there's a shaggy dog story or a superb insight. I beloved the tale of the union cavalry common Rousseau; He used to be on a raid within the south to assemble mules, while his regiment arrives in a ranch and his men's uniforms are coated with dust. The rancher errors them for the accomplice army. the same scene used to be utilized in the motion picture 'the good, the undesirable and the ugly'.The better part of the book, in my opinion, is the tales of early California. it's very attention-grabbing simply because Sherman used to be there throughout the profession and later the gold rush. He describes some of the influential humans of early California, the institution of many settlements (Sacramento for example,) cost of horses and exertions earlier than and after the gold rush and so on. Apparently, the single cause Baja California was once now not taken via the united states used to be that there have been now not adequate troops to protect it and there have been no settlements and garrisons south of San Diego. Monterrey was once the capital and San Francisco used to be a sleepy town. Then after a few troops locate gold within the sierras, millions of individuals arrive. Many ships are disbanded and left on the San Francisco harbor, the captain and the workforce dashing east to the mountains. Also, Mormons desired to take over the southern components of California, merely the invention of gold avoided that.

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