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although over one hundred fifty years have passed since the start of the american civil war that titanic conflict continues to matter the forces unleashed by that war were immensely destructive because of the significant issues involved the existence of the union the end of slavery and the very future of the nation the war remains our most contentious and our bloodiest with over six hundred thousand killed in the course of the four year struggle most civil wars do not spring up overnight and the american civil war was no exception the seeds of the conflict were sown in the earliest days of the republic s founding primarily over the existence of slavery and the slave trade although no conflict can begin without the conscious decisions of those engaged in the debates at that moment in the end there was simply no way to paper over the division of the country into two camps one that was dominated by slavery and the other that sought first to limit its spread and then to abolish it our nation was indeed half slave and half free and that could not stand regardless of the factors tearing the nation asunder the soldiers on each side of the struggle went to war for personal reasons looking for adventure being caught up in the passions and emotions of their peers believing in the union favoring states rights or even justifying the simple schoolyard dynamic of being convinced that they were worth three of the soldiers on the other side nor can we overlook the factor that some went to war to prove their manhood this has been and continues to be a key dynamic in understanding combat and the profession of arms soldiers join for many reasons but often stay in the fight because of their comrades and because they do not want to seem like cowards whatever the reasons the struggle was long and costly and only culminated with the conquest of the rebellious confederacy the preservation of the union and the end of slavery these campaign pamphlets on the american civil war prepared in commemoration of our national sacrifices seek to

born near guntersville alabama catherine cassie fennell was nineteen when the civil war began starting with her time at a female academy in washington dc the diaries continue through the war

s end and discuss civilian experiences in alabama and the tennessee valley fennell believed that by keeping a diary she made a small contribution to the war effort and history itself fennell was fairly well off and highly educated moving easily in very elite social circles most of her relatives were staunch confederates and the war took its toll with multiple members of her family killed or captured as fennell recounts the consequences of war the downward spiral of the family fortune the withering of hope at news from the battlefront and the general uncertainty of civilian life in the south her diaries constitute one of the few contemporaneous records of north alabama including the shelling and burning of guntersville which has been poorly documented in the historiography of the civil war while the first diary is written as a private reflection the war journals are well researched and rely on extensive familiarity with local newspapers and seem like they are intended for the eyes of later generations ultimately these diaries amount to a social history of the war years in a specific region where scholars have recovered relatively few firsthand accounts and editor whitney snow s compilation adds to the now growing genre of women s civil war diaries insightful and engrossing the civil war diaries of cassie fennell is a compelling portrait of a privileged young woman who suffered devastating losses for her ardent support of a confederate nation

covers the essential factors which shaped the battles and ultimately determined the outcome of the civil war

the war for a nation provides a brief introduction to the american civil war from the perspective of military personnel and civilians who participated in the conflict susan mary grant brings the war its many battles and those who fought them male and female black and white to the center of a riveting narrative that is accessible to general readers and students of american history the war for a nation explains in a clear narrative structure the war s origins its battles the expansion of the union the struggle for emancipation and the following saga of reconstruction by drawing its examples from primary source documents first hand accounts and scholarly research the war for a nation introduces readers to the human interest aspects as well as the historiographical debates surrounding what was the most destructive war ever fought on american soil

americans have long been fascinated by the civil war marveling at the size of the battles the leadership of the generals and the courage of the soldiers since the war s start over 150 years ago the battles have been subjected to endless debate among historians and the generals themselves the civil war was the deadliest conflict in american history and had the two sides realized it would take 4 years and inflict over a million casualties it might not have been fought since it did however historians and history buffs alike have been studying and analyzing the biggest battles ever since the secession of the south was one of the seminal events in american history but it also remains one of the most controversial the election of abraham lincoln was the impetus for secession but that was merely one of many events that led up to the formation of the confederacy and the start of the civil war on december 20 a little more than a month after lincoln had been elected the 16th president a convention met in charleston and passed the first ordinance of secession by one of the united states declaring we the people of the state of south carolina in convention assembled do declare and ordain that the union now subsisting between south carolina and other states under the name of the united states of america is hereby dissolved in january 1861 missispip florida alabama georgia louisiana and kansas followed south carolina s lead and the confederate states of america was formed on february 4 in montgomery alabama with former secretary of war jefferson davis inaugurated as its president a few weeks later texas joined the confederate states of america was formed on february 4 in montgomery alabama with former secretary of war jefferson davis inaugurated as its president a few weeks later texas joined the confederate states of america was formed on february 4 in montgomery alabama with former secretary of war jefferson davis inaugurated as its president a few weeks later texas joined the confederate such solve for a monther or the civ

pulitzer prize finalist winner of the frederick douglass book prize winner of the merle curti award mccurry strips the confederacy of myth and romance to reveal its doomed essence dedicated to the proposition that men were not created equal the confederacy had to fight a two front war not only against union armies but also slaves and poor white women who rose in revolt across the

south richly detailed and lucidly told confederate reckoning is a fresh bold take on the civil war that every student of the conflict should read tony horwitz author of confederates in the attic mccurry challenges us to expand our definition of politics to encompass not simply government but the entire public sphere the struggle for southern independence she shows opened the door for the mobilization of two groups previously outside the political nation white women of the nonslaveholding class and slaves confederate reckoning offers a powerful new paradigm for understanding events on the confederate home front eric foner the nation perhaps the highest praise one can offer mccurry s work is to say that once we look through her eyes it will become almost impossible to believe that we ever saw or thought otherwise at the outset of the book mccurry insists that she is not going to ask or answer the timeworn question of why the south lost the civil war yet in her vivid and richly textured portrait of what she calls the confederacy s undoing she has in fact accomplished exactly that drew gilpin faust new republic a brilliant eye opening account of how southern white women and black slaves fatally undermined the confederacy from within edward bonekemper civil war news the story of the confederate states of america the proslavery antidemocratic nation created by white southern slaveholders to protect their property has been told many times in heroic and martial narratives now however stephanie mccurry tells a very different tale of the confederate experience when the grandiosity of southerners national ambitions met the harsh realities of wartime crises unintended consequences ensued although southern statesmen and generals had built the most powerful slave regime in the western world they had excluded the majority of their own people white women and slaves and thereby sowed the seeds of their demise wartime scarcity of food labor and soldiers tested the confederate vision at every point and created domestic crises to match those found on the battlefields women and slaves became critical political actors as they contested government enlistment and tax and welfare policies and struggled for their freedom the attempt to repress a majority of its own population backfired on the confederate states of america as the disenfranchised demanded to be counted and considered in the great struggle over slavery emancipation democracy and nationhood that confederate struggle played out in a highly charged international arena the political project of the confederacy was tried by its own people and failed the government was forced to become accountable to women and slaves provoking an astounding transformation of the slaveholders state confederate reckoning is the startling story of this epic political battle in which women and slaves helped to decide the fate of the confederacy and the outcome of the civil war

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referring to the war that was raging across parts of the american landscape abraham lincoln told congress in 1862 we shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope on earth lincoln recognized what was at stake in the american civil war not only freedom for 3 5 million slaves but also survival of self government in the last place on earth where it could have the opportunity of developing freely noted historian steven e woodworth tells the story of what many regard as the defining event in united states history while covering all theaters of war he emphasizes the importance of action in the region between the appalachians and the mississippi river in determining its outcome woodworth argues that the civil war had a distinct purpose that was understood by most of its participants it was primarily a conflict over the issue of slavery the soldiers who filled the ranks of the armies on both sides knew what they were fighting for the outcome of the war after its beginnings at fort sumter to the confederate surrender four years later was the result of the actions and decisions made by those soldiers and millions of other americans written in clear and compelling fashion this great struggle is their story and ours

history

in all the vast collection of books on the american civil war there is no book like this one says bruce catton never before has such a stunning body of facts dealing with the war been gathered

together in one place and presented in a coherent useful day by day narrative and never before have statistics revealed human suffering of such heroic and tragic magnitude the text begins in november 1860 and ends with the conclusion of hostilities in may 1865 and the start of reconstruction it is designed to furnish the reader not only with information but to tell a story here in addition to the momentous events that are a familiar part of our history the daily entries recount innumerable lesser military actions as well as some of the other activities and thoughts of men great and unknown engaged in america s most costly war may 5 1864 a private in the army of northern virginia writes at the beginning of the battle of the wilderness it is a beautiful spring day on which all this bloody work is being done may 6 1864 gen lee rides among his men and is shouted to the rear by his protective troops april 30 1864 joe david five year old son of the confederate president dies after a fall from the high veranda of the white house in richmond april 14 1865 president lincoln s busy day includes a cabinet meeting where he tells of his recurring dream of a ship moving with great rapidity toward a dark and indefinite shore that night mr lincoln attends a performance of a trifling comedy at ford s theatre our american cousin

succinct with a brace of original documents following each chapter christopher j olsen s the american civil war is the ideal introduction to american history s most famous and infamous chapter covering events from 1850 and the mounting political pressures to split the union into opposing sections through the four years of bloodshed and waning confederate fortunes to lincoln s assassination and the advent of reconstruction the american civil war covers the entire sectional conflict and at every juncture emphasizes the decisions and circumstances large and small that determined the course of events

themes of the american civil war offers a timely and useful guide to this vast topic for a new generation of students the volume provides a broad ranging assessment of the causes complexities and consequences of america s most destructive conflict to date the essays written by top scholars in the field and reworked for this new edition explore how and in what ways differing interpretations of the war have arisen and explains clearly why the american civil war remains a subject of enduring interest it includes chapters covering four broad areas including the political front the military front the race front and the ideological front additions to the second edition include a new introduction added to the current introduction by james mcpherson a chapter on gender as well as information on the remembrance of the war historical memory the addition of several maps a timeline and an appendix listing further reading battlefield statistics and battle regiment general names focuses the book squarely at undergraduates in both the us and abroad

the vermont brigade sometimes referred to as the first vermont brigade or the old brigade fought its first full brigade engagement in the seven days battles the leaders as well as the rank and file were inexperienced in warfare but through sheer grit and determination they made a name for themselves as one of the hardest fighting units in the army of the potomac using soldiers letters diaries and service and pension records this book gives a soldier s eye view of the virginia summer heat days of marching with very little rest or nourishment and the fear and exhilaration of combat also included are the stories of 29 men that were wounded or killed and how the tragedies affected their families

the civil war was america s trial by fire its battles forged the nation we know today we re still fascinated with it the national reckoning with slavery the legendary generals and leaders the epic and bloody clashes of armies the impact on the daily lives of ordinary people we visit its battlefields mostly idyllic patches of countryside near small towns and creeks where more americans died in combat than in all other wars combined except for world war two and we tell its stories of last charges brother fighting brother imprisonment and emancipation and tragedy and rebirth it is our country s epic the story of how we became who we are and what price we paid the civil war for dummies is your complete introduction to this seminal conflict eschewing tedious historical pondering and military micro analysis this fun and information rich guide gives an accurate overview of the event from the war s causes through the fighting to the aftermath inside you ll discover 1850 1860 what led to war first bull run illusions lost antietam the bloodiest day the emancipation proclamation heroes and goats of each major battle jackson s valley campaign sherman s march to the sea surrender at appomattox and much more full of sidebars and illustrations the civil war for dummies brings history to life with personalities factoids battle reports strategic maps and what ifs in addition to the military and political history you ll also find out about the african american experience in the war women and the civil war native americans and the war the life of the common soldier banking and finance systems and the war firsts that make the civil war history s first modern war civil war food civil war tourism the best battlefields to visit and how to get the most out of your trip written in an accessible style so you can start reading at any point in the story the civil war for dummies makes a great cornerstone for learning about this

violent and compelling chapter of american history

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the pulitzer prize winning author of battle cry of freedom and the new york times bestseller crossroads of freedom among many other award winning books james m mcpherson is america s preeminent civil war historian now in this collection of provocative and illuminating essays mcpherson offers fresh insight into many of the most enduring questions about one of the defining moments in our nation s history mcpherson sheds light on topics large and small from the average soldier s avid love of newspapers to the postwar creation of the mystique of a lost cause in the south readers will find insightful pieces on such intriguing figures as harriet tubman john brown jesse james and william tecumseh sherman and on such vital issues as confederate military strategy the failure of peace negotiations to end the war and the realities and myths of the confederacy this mighty scourge includes several never before published essays pieces on general robert e lee s goals in the gettysburg campaign on lincoln and grant in the vicksburg campaign and on lincoln as commander in chief in that capacity lincoln invented the concept of presidential war powers that are again at the center of controversy today all of the essays have been updated and revised to give the volume greater thematic coherence and continuity so that it can be read in sequence as an interpretive history of the war and its meaning for america and the world combining the finest scholarship with luminous prose and packed with new information and fresh ideas this book brings together the most recent thinking by the nation s leading authority on the civil war it will be must reading for everyone interested in the war and american history

this volume examines the daily lives of soldiers and families during the civil war considering the roles and experiences of men women and children black and white with special sections on religion and popular culture

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