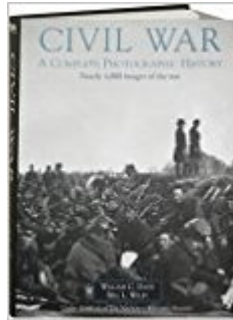


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I bought this book to resell, no intention of reading. A month has now passed and it is still not for sale. The photos and captions are amazing, they gave me a perspective, awareness and insight that was akin to being there. I have never been a "buff" even though I grew up along a section of Bull Run. It was not unusual to find cannon balls, bullets and even buttons and buckles. I just never felt the impact until I went through the book's 4000 photos and read the captions. It was like meeting the people and feeling the cascade of emotions and events that resulted in a strange insanity. Many of the issues may now be resolved but we still reel from the impact. You don't have to be a Civil War or history buff to enjoy this book. If you can lift it from the table to your lap, you won't put it down 'til your knees go numb...

Amazing source of information and lots of obscure and even forgotten images of the war....most pictures are a little small though fitting many pictures on each page....there really aren't any large

photographs taking up entire pages, some of these great photos really deserve an entire page.

I bought this enormous volume about 6 years ago, didn't start it until November 2013, finishing it today. After basically neglecting study of the Civil War for over half a century, I read William A. Frassanito's "Antietam" a photographic history of that battle this November. I immediately located this ponderous tome and read it cover to cover, the really only way to read any book. Despite its tiny fonts, thousands of smallish reproductions of photographs, and numerous typos (probably as a result of its "overseas" manufacture), this collection of individual articles and essays, photographs by hundreds of photogs using the cumbersome equipment of the mid-19th century, and their detailed captions is an essential book for any student of the most tragic period of American history. This book is hard work because of its weight and tiny fonts, but eat your Wheaties, get a good magnifying glass and have at it. Any study of the Civil War without this book is incomplete.

I bought this book as a gift for my nephew who is a history buff, it has been over a year and it is still sitting on my coffee table. Maybe one day I will have read it enough to go ahead and pass it on. The book is full of interesting pictures with just enough text to explain the details. Very sad and moving. I leaf through while watching tv when I have the time. Someday I am either going to give my nephew his book or just buy him a new one.

Every time you pick up this book you will think you've picked up a cannonball; it's THAT heavy! But you will be richly rewarded because it's PACKED with interesting photographs and equally apt captions. It's well organized so if you only want to sift thru the black-and-white pictures the captions refer to previous ones and you'll be hooked for hours. The text is quite small but I can't imagine anyone reading it straight thru - it's all about the photos and there are many. Picked this up at my local big boxstore for under \$25 and it's a monster (it's by the editors of CIVIL WAR TIMES magazine). Even if you're only casually interested in this seminal period of American history, you will learn something new on every page. Can't recommend it highly enough (although your bookshelf will HATE you for it).

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