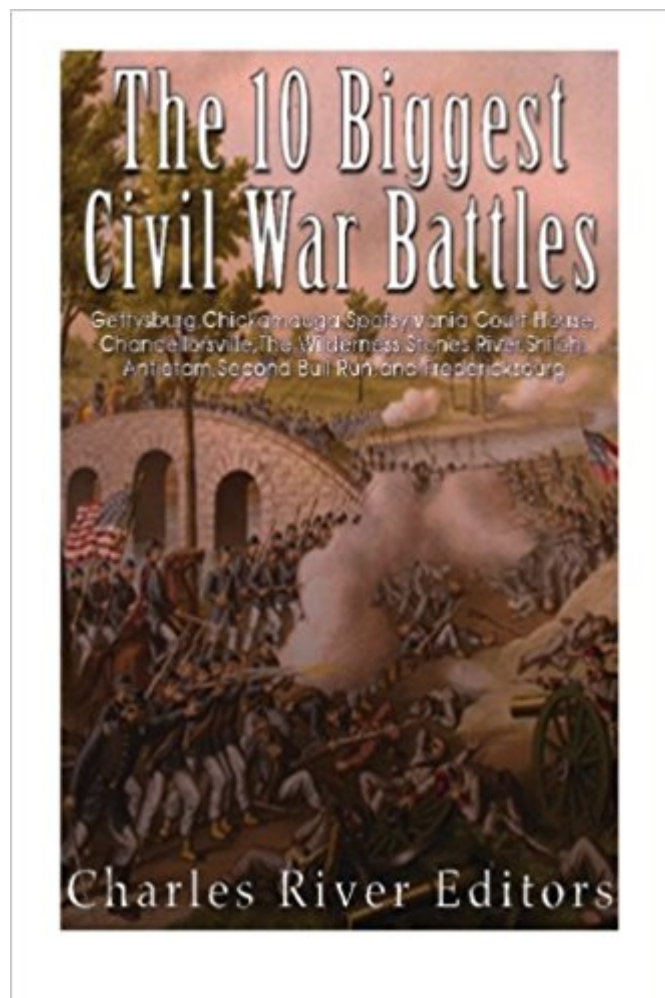


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# **The 10 Biggest Civil War Battles: Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Spotsylvania Court House, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness, Stones River, Shiloh, Antietam, Second Bull Run, And Fredericksburg**





## Synopsis

\*Includes pictures of the battles' important generals. \*Includes several maps of the battles. \*Includes accounts of the battles written by important generals. \*Includes a Bibliography for each battle..

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 10 biggest Civil War battles were incredibly bloody, desperate fights that involved the war's most famous figures and determined the fate of several states. All told, over a quarter of a million casualties were inflicted by the two sides during the 10 largest battles, and the fates of the battles and the war itself hung in the balance. Shiloh, Stones River and Chickamauga would all feature Union heroes like Ulysses S. Grant and George H. Thomas preserving Federal control over Tennessee and Kentucky. But during those same periods of time, Robert E. Lee was leading the Army of Northern Virginia to victory over several Union commanders at Fredericksburg, Second Bull Run, and Chancellorsville. Of course, the most famous battles of the war involved the Army of the Potomac blunting Lee's offensives at Antietam and Gettysburg. Antietam was the bloodiest day of the war and forced Lee out of Maryland, allowing Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. The following summer would see the biggest and most famous battle at Gettysburg. Lee would try and fail to dislodge the Union army with attacks on both of its flanks during the second day and Pickett's Charge right down the center of the line on the third and final day. Meade's stout defense held, barely, repulsing each attempted assault, handing the Union a desperately needed victory that ended up being one of the Civil War's turning points. At the Battle of the Wilderness (May 5-7, 1864), Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee fought to a standstill in their first encounter, failing to dislodge each other despite incurring nearly 30,000 casualties between the Union Army of the Potomac and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Despite the fierce fighting, Grant continued to push his battered but resilient army south, hoping to beat Lee's army to the crossroads at Spotsylvania Court House, but Lee's army beat Grant's to Spotsylvania and began digging in, setting the scene for on and off fighting from May 8-21 that ultimately inflicted more casualties than the Battle of the Wilderness. In fact, with over 32,000 casualties among the two sides, it was the deadliest battle of the Overland Campaign. The 10 Biggest Civil War Battles comprehensively covers all 10 battles, including the events that led up to the battle, the fighting

itself, and the aftermath of the battles. Accounts of the battles by important participants are also included, along with maps of the battles and pictures of important people, places, and events. You will learn about the 10 bloodiest Civil War battles like you never have before.

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Sometimes too informative. Quoting participants reports and diaries includes some details that are difficult to follow. Otherwise a good read Warning - don't read it on a Kindle. The maps are near impossible to use which would help make the narrative much more informative.

I have enjoyed reading this book and it is quit interesting to read and find out new thing about the civil war battles I had a rough time setting the kindle down. I would say if anyone is into the Civil War than they should read this book

This book was very informative regarding the 10 biggest Civil War battles. However, I did find myself getting lost from time to time...it was hard to keep in mind which Generals were Union and which were Confederate at times. I do agree with a couple of the other reviewers that the detail was excessive in places. This is an epic read...it took me quite some time to complete. I would say that I am glad I took the time, as it gave me an insight into these battles and made them more than just text in a schoolbook.

I find it interesting to read quotes from the journals of the different men involved. I wish I had a larger screen to be able to view the maps better and more time to sort out the movements of the two sides. Overall I find it quite interesting and well written, just takes time to read it all and I don't have much of that so my reading is a bit disjointed and I tend to lose track of who is doing what between readings. I would recommend it especially if the reader is familiar with the names of the generals.

No useful table of contents or index. The content is OK but not exceptional, and it seems to have been rendered into Kindle format with as little effort as possible.

Interesting history and transcripts from the generals. Diagrams of the battles don't blow up too well on the iPad. Thanks for the history.

I recommend this book to anyone wanting to study civil war history both the good and the bad and to get a glimpse of some of the decisions that were made before, during and after those battles.

Learning more about what happened during these battles the mistakes on both sides and the waste of the whole conflict in life lost.

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