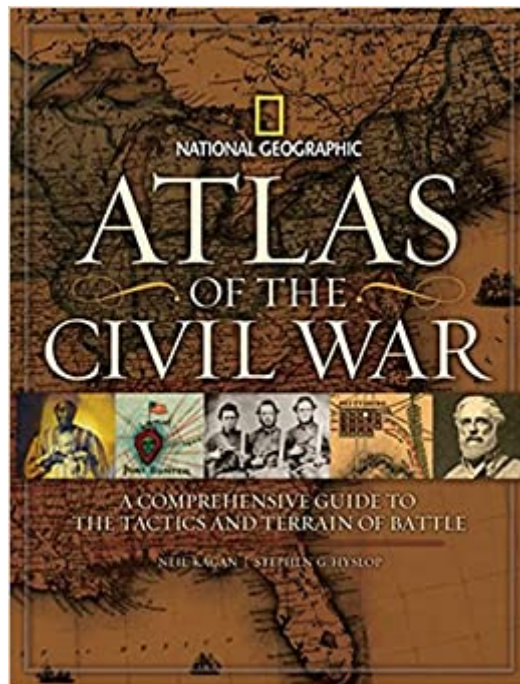


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Starred Review This atlas brings an understanding of the Civil War military campaigns in a graphic way. Not just military history buffs but anyone interested in the Civil War will find it captivating. The "About This Book" section is essential to understanding the maps. The introduction, "Mapping the War," covers the unsung heroes, the mapmakers. The description of mapmaking tools, techniques, and even dangers adds a layer of understanding to the maps, which are a combination of around 85 rare period items (many published here for the first time) and 35 new views commissioned by the National Geographic Society. The atlas's five chapters cover the five years of war and highlight the battles. Each chapter opens with a 2-page "The War at a Glance" presenting an overview, a map locating major events, a chronology, and a number of documentary photographs. Major battles and campaigns are then described. For each, there are a small locator map, a time line, and one or more larger maps (often from the Civil War era), with explanatory text keyed to map locations. The major battles, such as Antietam and Gettysburg, have multiple pages with different maps. For example, 12 pages and 6 maps are devoted to Gettysburg. More than 320 photographs, battlefield sketches, and other illustrations are scattered throughout the pages. Additional features include 8 biographical sidebars and 11 "Order of Battle" boxes. Three comprehensive maps of battles are contained in an appendix. A list of readings and an index complete the work. National Geographic has a high standard for atlases, and this one does not disappoint. It stands out from other Civil War atlases because of its use of archival maps, and the reproduction of the maps is amazing. The narrative is informative, and the photographs, illustrations, and other artwork add an important dimension. This is an essential purchase for all libraries with any interest in the Civil War. --Abbie Landry

Bought this as a gift and the recipient loved it!

Great book for reference.

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A wonderful addition to my library!

We gave this book to our son-in-law, a history buff, for Christmas. During my brief inspection of the book, I realized that it's one I must order for myself. Filled with very interesting graphics and quotations from Lincoln's life and times, this book will be one that my husband and I will read in 2013. It doesn't seem to be the sort of book one stays up all night to finish. It's a Sunday afternoon sort of book; a book to read and savor slowly.

This is really well worded and detailed. My Dad has about worn it out. Great Job! With the maps you can really plan a journey.

A startlingly good book graphically. the maps and layout are outstanding. The narrative is simple but effective. A must read for any buff of the Civil war.

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