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From just simply reading the reviews, I feel like this is a bias, and

inaccurate book. The titles of the reviews seem somewhat childish: "Does

This Pulitzer Make Me Look Fat?" How am I supposed to take this review

seriously, when I didn't even want to read it? First impressions are the most

important impression, and this holds extremely true in writing. But beyond

that, throughout this review the writer never sites where he is getting his

information. Now, myself, not being a Civil War buff, I cannot make any

assumptions until I get some facts, and this reviewer gave me no cited facts.

This review does not, in any way, deter me from this book at.

On the other hand, the first review that I read gave me a positive feeling

about *Battle Cry of Freedom*, as being a well written book that reveals the

intricacies of the Civil War, that were the part of the bloodiest war in our

history. I also get that there is a sense of reality in the book that is meant to

transplant you into the Civil War era.

"Lincoln's sudden disappearance from the book gives us something of the

shock that his contemporaries felt when he died [. . .]" ("The Bloodiest of

Wars"). The way that the reviewer puts these words on paper, promises

reality. Just like life, a moment comes and goes, and once it happens you

have absolutely no control over the past, you just have to cope with it and

look to the future, which this great nation did.

I have great confidence in this book because the reviews promise a sense

of reality. A century and a half has gone by since the war ended, so having an

aspect of reality will make the war more relevant.

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