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After reading the various reviews about the McPherson book I've come to an early decision that I can trust most the material within the book. While some information within the book has been shown to be erroneous I am fairly confident that through reading the book I will be able to get an accurate grasp of the history of the Civil War.

Through reading the reviews the one thing that worries me the most is that several of the Amazon.com reviewers said that the information was biased as if the author was presenting his only the facts that supported his opinions. While this remains a concern of mine I am quite sure of my own ability to separate the facts from the fodder. It is very hard for any writer to not to include there own personal bias but with history it is absolutely imperative not to be one-sided.

Overall I feel that the book will give an accurate portrayal of the events of the Civil War with giving a special emphasis on the events leading up the war. I am however, disappointed that several reviewers said that there was not a lot written about the days leading to the end of the war. Oh well, I guess I'll just have to read it for myself and see if I need to seek further sources in my quest for knowledge about the Civil War.

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