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After considering arguments in support and against "Battle Cry of Freedom", I have decided that I do have much confidence in learning about The Civil War from this book.

The article "The Bloodiest of Wars" stated, "It may actually be the best ever published", and "It is compellingly readable". I am glad to hear this about such a thick history book. I have never read a college history book that I would say "is compellingly readable". I have also never read a History Book that won a Pulitzer Prize. I am excited!

Is this book accurate? My research has led me to believe that it is. Most reviews that I've read seem to lean toward it being a very accurate book. My only concern after reading the two articles and the Amazon reviews is: Is McPherson pro-north in writing this book? Many people say he is somewhat pro-north but that he still states the facts. I hoping that even if McPherson is bias, he will try to show it as little as possible in this book.

The notnews.org blog by David Thomer states "It's hard to use a word like balanced to describe a book that depicts pro-slavery southerners as the aggressors and hails Lincoln as a great leader". This concerns me somewhat because I do want this book to be balanced. The next sentence states "However, McPherson does offer praise for many confederates and criticism for many in the union." So it is somewhat balanced? My expectations are that this book will lean a little north, but I think we will at least get a full view of the South.

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