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At first look, the book Battle Cry of Freedom seems to be one of the most complete and accurate books written about the United States Civil War. When I looked this book to buy for my online class there was many sites that praised it; all giving it four or five stars. When I saw that it also won the Pulitzer Prize award; I was sure that it would be one of the best books ever written about the Civil War.

Never once did it cross my mind to ask myself if it had any truth in it. If I didn't have to write this paper about the questions about this book raises. Questions like, how historically accurate and does it tell us both sides of the story. Not just tell us what we want to hear. We all know that North won the Civil War, but is this book making the South look like the devil for no good reason. History is written by the victors, not the losers.

The author James McPherson, I feel did a great job on the book. When I read the chapter 8, I found he did not take any sides. Just giving a true account of how the United States came to the verge of Civil War. I would hope that anyone that teaches American History at Princeton University should know what they are writing about.

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