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After reading the two reviews on *Battle Cry of Freedom* I am more enthusiastic about reading it. I have read McPherson's work before. I was impressed then, and from what I have read thus far, I believe I will be impressed again. The two reviews were conducted by two very different outlets. The first, a review from the New York Times was very positive about the book, the reviewer's only issue appeared to be on McPherson's wording for chapter titles, but he said "disagreements on points of emphasis do not deserve much emphasis themselves. The second reviewer hails from a website called notnews.com. This review was more negative in aspects, the main issue the reviewer appeared to have been in his eyes, McPherson's lack of objectiveness.

Both reviewers pointed out the good qualities of the book, that it is a thorough history of the Civil War, but not a voluminous set, the ability McPherson has to engage his reader, and accuracy. After reading the two reviews and from personal experience with McPherson's writing I am going to approach this book with enthusiasm. The only real issue with accuracy I believe I will have is over the objectiveness mentioned by the second reviewer. Overall, I have a high level of confidence with this book, and believe I will learn many things I did not previously know about the Civil War.

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