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McPherson

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After reading the arguments from all of the sources provided, I will be approaching this book with a small amount of skepticism. Before even reading the reviews, I had already had my doubts about the accuracy of the book. I realize that with a topic as big as the Civil War, it would be hard for almost anyone to get all the facts. It would be just as hard to present them in a manner that the average person can follow and understand.

One thing that I am concerned about is the point of view from the South being portrayed as equally and accurately as the North. I do not believe, like the Amazon.com readers, that McPherson is swayed or biased towards the North. I just believe that there were probably more historical documents available from the North. Not only do I think there was probably better record keeping in the North, I also think that much of the information for the South was probably destroyed during the war.

I must say that although the praise and criticisms of the article varied, I still do have confidence in this book. I think anyone who may be reading any kind of historical book should realize that all of the facts may not be given in the book. They should also realize that when it comes to books about war, you can only get the perspectives of the people with whom you are quoting or interviewing. That person can only speak for themselves, no one else. So you are not always going to get every side to the story. So far, I have enjoyed the chapters that I have read. Do we dare imagine what life would be like in The United States if the Civil War never happened?

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