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The reviews on "Battle Cry of Freedom" by James M. McPherson, seem to be

overwhelmingly positive. The first review from the New York Times even saying "It may

actually be the best ever published" while referring to other accounts the reviewer was

familiar with that have been previously written on the Civil War. This statement, and his

description of it being a narrative that is based in historical fact which paints clearly the

events that transpired sending our nation into war, and has me wondering if this indeed will

be one of the best sources available that I can study, which will help me to better understand

at least some of the most obvious, and not so obvious that sent us into the war.

There are little imperfections in the eyes of this reviewer. Although, one of imperfections the

writer referred to has my interest, "never such a place as the Kingdom of Palermo". I am not

sure what this refers to, or if it will have any weight with discrediting any of the other

information.

Then there is the review in the notnews.org forum, and Dave Thomer gave McPherson's

book a glowing review as to the detail that went into the events that lead up to the war itself,

which again as with the previous review has me excited to think I can finally have a clearer

understanding of one of the most important pieces of our history.

His disagreements he voiced, I have to say, I have been wondering about some of the same

things myself, like the North having advantages over the South with, population, and

industry. His opinion is that McPherson's book isn't quite balanced. I however still look

forward to learning more from his writings, and anticipate having a clearer picture of what

truly happened.

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