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Battle Cry of Freedom

By James McPherson

Battle Cry of Freedom has been a very good book thus far. From what I have read, McPherson is taking a different perspective on this book than what you would typically see in other Civil War history books. From reading the reviews it looks like the book has been both admired as well as criticized for the way it was written and the material that McPherson chose to include.

I will be approaching this book with an open mind. I have read many books on the Civil War and it's always nice in any situation to hear a different perspective on the material that is being covered. I feel that McPherson is trying to reach a wide variety of audiences in the way he has written his book. I am the type of person that actually likes to hear different ways in which the story was told. Who knows, it could be that I learn something in this book that wasn't mentioned in other Civil War books.

I'm not quite sure of which parts of the "historical accuracy" I'm going to be worried about. It does puzzle me that McPherson doesn't mention the assassination of Lincoln in his book, but rather continues on to the next section. As mentioned in **The Bloodiest of Wars** review, it may be because as the review mentions he's looking to tell the story of the end of the war.

I feel confident in the book that was chosen as our main source of information covering the Civil War. I'm always looking to learn new material and I think this book will allow me to do so.

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