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I will approach this book as I do any book of its nature, with optimism and a desire to learn about a topic that I fear I do not know much about. The book was written by an elite history professor and has been celebrated for the narrative aspect of the book, the skill in which the book was written, and the historic accuracy. — by whom?

I am not sure that I have any major concerns about the historic accuracy with this book. The American Civil War happened nearly 200 years ago, there are going to be some inaccuracies due to loss of documentations, incorrect records, and other reasons such as lore mixing with truth over the past two centuries. At this point in time I think that it is not so much that every detail is accurate, but that the major events, the timeline, people involved, and the lessons that we can learn are intact. I do have a slight concern about whether or not the author is biased. While he is a historian, the book is written as a narrative and it is all too easy to lean one or another on subjects when using narrative formatting to deliver the information. — explain ... examples.

With this sort of book I trust reviews from knowledgeable sources the most. This is a book about the facts of the American Civil War and the events leading up to it. Everyone is entitled to their opinion about whether or not they enjoyed reading the book, but I am more concerned with the accuracy of the book. The majority of the reviews that we looked at in this assignment showed that the book was both accurate and enjoyable to read. There are a few exceptions to this on Amazon, however without knowing who wrote the reviews and the overwhelming number of people that said it is accurate, I cannot rely solely on those few reviews that question it. I can take into consideration that because there are people saying that there are inaccuracy, that perhaps it is true and that I should not take everything that is in book at its face value. I may want to do further research on the subject.

All things considered, I have great faith in this book. I believe that it is as close to accurate as one can expect, that it will be an enjoyable read, and I will learn a lot of new information by reading it.

Paper too vague & didn't seem to specifically address the sources I provided or analyze them well

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