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length**McPherson Assignment #1**

After reading several reviews on James McPherson's "Battle Cry of Freedom", I can surmise that it is, for the most part, a pretty accurate account of the historical events leading up to and surrounding the American Civil War. As with studying about any critical time in history, I believe that the most appropriate way to go about reading this book is to read over the information very carefully and take good notes so as not to miss out on anything important. Paying attention to important people associated with the war, dates, places, and battles will also help me to get the most out of this book.

Probably the main thing that would concern me about the historical accuracy of this book is the manner in which the author recorded the information. Did he use too much of his own opinion about the way things happened or should have happened? Did he tend to talk more about one particular side and too little of the other? A few of the amazon reviews did happen to mention a sense of the author being somewhat biased towards one particular side while talking about the Union and the Confederacy. Without having read much of the book yet, it's a little hard for me to say which reviews I trusted the most. The first two reviews (the ones by the newspaper book reviewer and the internet blogger) were a little hard to follow, however they both seemed to highly praise the book and its information. It was helpful to look at some of the lower ratings as well, because it allowed me to see the things that some people disliked about the book. It was also somewhat easier to understand the amazon reviews in terms of the reasoning behind their rating. Nevertheless, I feel quite confident that "Battle Cry of Freedom" by James McPherson will be an excellent source of information on studying the history of the Civil War.

how will you decide this?

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no hypo.

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not my question

lacking mention of specifics but okay overall.

analyze the reviews