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After reading the reviews, the general idea I've gotten about this book is that it is as detailed as a single volume book can be about the American Civil War, and that it also has a certain biased opposition against the Confederacy and what they stood for. In addition, I expect (and have found out after the first two chapters) that McPherson's writing style will add a certain stylistic humor to a dreary and distasteful part of American history. Due to this impression, I will approach this book with cautious optimism that it will be entertaining enough for me to read without falling asleep. My biggest worry however, is how I will be able to cram all of that knowledge into my head. Of course, I'll remember the most significant moments in the chapters, but the minute details will be difficult to point out.

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In terms of historical accuracy, I worry that McPherson's seemingly biased take on the Confederacy might put certain important people in a bad light that may not be entirely accurate, while portraying others in a more positive light that may not deserve to be recognized that way (I did read many negative reviews on Amazon stating as such). The reviews I trust the most are from the New York Times and notnews.org, simply because the people who wrote these reviews appear to be scholars who have read other Civil War era books, and they add details to their reviews that make it appear like they really know what they're talking about. People on Amazon.com can be knit picky and negative just for the sake of being negative (One of those Amazon reviewers gave the book 2 out of 5 stars, while saying it was an interesting and historically accurate read). I really enjoy history, and have read some great books about certain parts of American history, but I have never read in great detail about the Civil War, but based off of the majority of the reviews that I have read, I am really confident that I will be getting an accurate portrayal of the war, that might be somewhat biased in favor of the Union.

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