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Battle Cry of Freedom

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Reading reviews of the book Battle Cry of Freedom by historian James McPherson awakened me to how I will approach reading this book. "The civil war is one of the most worked-over topics in United States history, one of the most written about in the history of the world." ^{review} The New York Times [↑] stated. They also stated that it might be the best book ever published. I've read many reviews raving about the attention to detail in this book, and how it was compellingly readable. I find history to be fascinating but I do admit some books are rather dry. I found hope that reviews said, "he knows how to use precise details to bring the past, even the overfamiliar past, to vivid life again." And that "his writing was eloquent and engaging." However there are some things I will take caution to when reading this book. It was mentioned that the maps are not one hundred percent clear due to gray ground that makes the gray lines and arrows of the southern forces hard to see. That is great to know, because I can use other resources so this historical map may have the justice it deserves. There are also mixed reviews on the fact that a lot of the book covers politics and the daily life in that time era not just the war itself. For me I will enjoy that because it sets a stage to what is going to happen. Although not everyone will like this aspect, as the reviews showed. I ^{NS} have also read that there is a vast amount of information crammed into a small book. ^{which?}

all NY Times?

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I have also seen that some people believe McPherson has a clear anti-southern bias. ^{and.... go on...} All in all, I think I am going to keep my mind open and discover myself what I think of the book. ^{But, I will take caution to any sort of bias, in thought that it might ruin historical accuracy, and I will also look into using other resources for maps. I can't necessarily say I trust one review more than the other. Because, I feel like everyone has their own opinion. Some might prefer facts, and others might appreciate the vivid details. The one thing I can rely on though is that this book has accurate historical} ^{strange analysis}

* Yikes. All materials I gave were the same to you?
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