

I will be approaching this book a little warily. I do not have much knowledge on the Civil War, and I feel that I will learn a lot from this book, but like the reviews said you have to look out for an author's bias when writing. I also have to approach this book a little more carefully, I've had a hard time concentrating on it for these first two chapters, and I have to read slow and analyze each paragraph before moving on. I feel I will get a better understanding of the book reading this way though. - I'm glad you'll take it slow & seriously

Like I said before, I am a little worried about the author's bias towards one side of the war. The reviews were kind of mixed though; I also looked at the high rated reviews on Amazon to get a feel for the other side. It seems most people love the book, or they hate it. Being a novice in Civil War history I will use this book as a starting point like the first main review said and move on from there if I find things really interesting.

I trust the first two reviews more than the Amazon ones. Those first two come from people who have a vast amount of knowledge on the subject so I would think they really know what they are talking about. I will keep the other reviews in mind though and keep a wary eye on bias that I see in the book.

I'm confident that this book will teach me a lot about the war, coming into this class not knowing much about it in the first place, besides what I've seen on the History Channel and high school history classes. I think this book combined with the films we will watch throughout the term will give me a good understanding of the Civil War and also give me suggestions of places to move my research on to.

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Take the time & words to explain it.