

Battle cry of freedom:

I will approach this book as I would any history book with some precautions but with knowledge that it is a story told from someone else. With all history books you must understand that someone is telling a story in their account of how things happened. This can be very disconcerting to some but to me I am alright with it and I try to just take in the information that is given. I think the biggest problems with this book were that it was too small and didn't cover enough information. Truthfully I am not worried about this book not covering enough information because the civil war was such a big subject you would really need a gigantic book to cover the entire civil war. Some saw that the book was biased and you really can't expect a non-biased view on this subject from someone trying to write about it. The issues that worry me the most would just be that for a current author this person has to be getting the information from other outside sources because obviously he wasn't alive during this time. That means he had to have researched and found information from these sources even though maybe some of the information was not completely accurate. That is to be expected though out of any war history book and I really don't have to big an issue with some small inaccuracies of this book. I believe from reviews that this book overall is pretty accurate and give a good description of this time in history. I trusted the reviews that had the most information in them and the ones that didn't seem to just try and downplay the book. I really liked the New York Times book review that had been published because that is a national news source and I felt I could trust that the person writing that article was honest. I also liked that was the longest review which gave a lot of information allowing you to really judge how good this book is. They gave a good overview of what the book was going to be like and broke down the information inside the book. I liked how they said it was a deeply satisfying book and the scholarship was up to date and very complete. This made me feel as if the book was to be trusted and it was correct in the information it was giving. I have good confidence in reading this book due to the reviews and information I have learned about this book. It seems like this was a good choice for a civil war history book to be assigned to this class and it will allow us to learn about the civil war from a correct account. One thing good about any information we can always check on this internet which is a good tool of any information we may question.