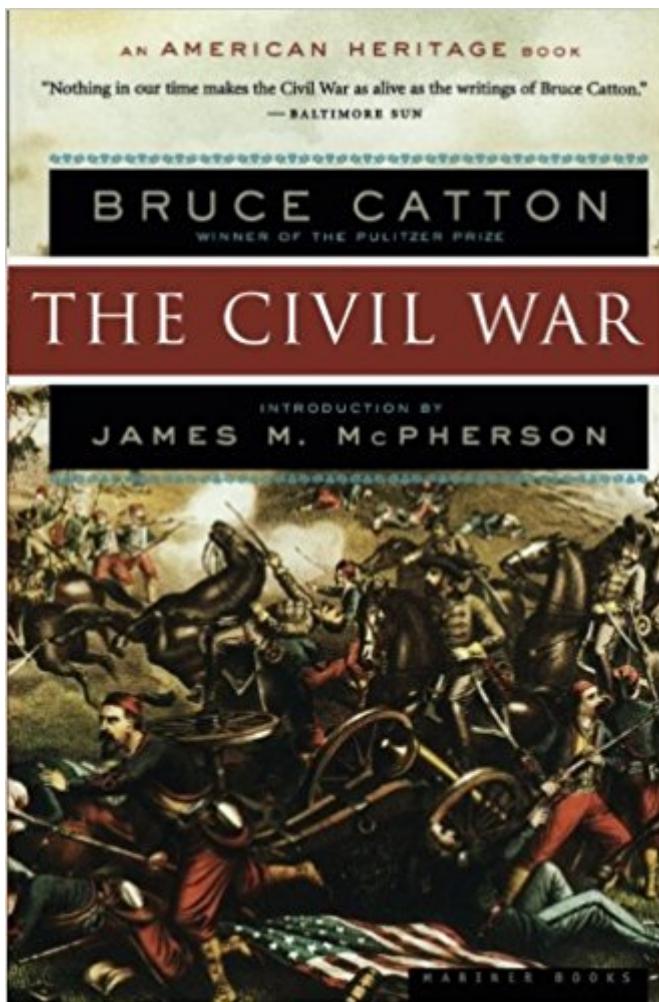


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Bruce Catton (1899-1978) was known as a narrative historian who specialized in popular histories that emphasized the colorful characters and vignettes of history. He was one of four founders of American Heritage magazine, where he served as a writer, reviewer, and editor.

i've read countless books on the civil war era of american history, and bruce catton is simply the best. he comes up with some little known facts that literally no other author, (that i've read), ever

has. Mr. Catton's writing style is distinctly in the way of a novelist, which makes all of his books, a better, more understandable read than most contemporary authors, writing about the same subject matter. I also highly recommend his trilogy on the Army of the Potomac, as an introduction to the Civil War for anyone who even has a casual interest and would like to know more.

This well produced book was prepared for National Geographic. It is printed on the same glossy paper that lasts forever as the National Geographic magazine. I have it in hardback form (I recommend it) it has stitched binding. Its greatest feature is the wonderful color pictures, hundreds of them, some are contemporary to publishing date of battle fields, war sites and towns. Many are of great paintings done of Battles, People and events that depict the mid-1800s world. I highly recommend this book for students and adults. Any one who have read a National Geographic knows how well they can show a world gone by. This book is a winner for a student or would be student of American history. This book is partly written as a travel adventure of the author and his family, wife and two young children, visitation of many of the cities and battlefields. This manner of writing give it a quaint feeling. Buy it for yourself, buy for your kids.

This is a highly readable narrative history of the Civil War. Catton has written many books on the war and this book is a simple, straightforward account. I highly recommend this to people who are just beginning to learn about the war, or to teenagers. I use this book for students to read in a Civil War history class and they really enjoy reading it. The book is very limited on pre-war events and says nothing about Reconstruction, but it does explain the many different aspects of the war. Battles are given good coverage (even some minor ones) but are not overdone as to become dull and overly detailed. Catton gives attention to diplomatic affairs, the home front, economics, emancipation, and many other topics. Those already familiar with the Civil War will find nothing new here, but this is the best quick overview of the war I have found yet.

Text is indeed legible, but dust jacket is very beat up and worn, I was expecting a single volume edition but description said that it was two volumes, which I was delighted about,,, but when it was delivered it was in-fact a single volume,,, so I can't complain

This Catton book with lots of pictures is OK for someone who knows little about the War Between the States and who has the strength to hold it (because it is heavy). I possessed this book many years ago then disposed of it. I bought this one for a reader of the class I mention above.

Not as comprehensive as J P McPherson's "Battle Cry of Freedom", but much easier to handle for it's more concise narrative of the Civil War. The people, personalities, and policies are all there, along with many of the foibles. Catton deals with the international arena as well as the American one and covers all the why's and wherefores of how and why the war started, developed, and ended as it did. There is also a glimpse into post war USA, up to the modern historical times of the late 20th Century.

bought for my 7 year old as per William Potter's (Christian historian) recommendation. Son thoroughly enjoys perusing this. It is chock full of great imagery.

Amazing book, amazing pictures and an amazing story. First let me say that this book is heavy, they have went beyond what is expected of a book like this or any picture book. With 630 pages and 836 pictures this book will keep me busy for a very long time. Its the main coffee table browsing book in my house. I grew up with American Heritage books and trust and respect their professional and accurate publishing. A highly recommended book. My rating is based on the suggested criteria:
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