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## GETTYSBURG AND THE CIVIL WAR: SUGGESTED READINGS

### GENERAL HISTORIES OF WARFARE:

Michael Howard, **War in European History** (1976)  
John Keegan, **The Face of Battle** (1976) [*the human side of combat....a classic*]  
William McElwee, **The Art of War: Waterloo to Mons** (1974) [*covers 19th-c. Europe and America*]  
Stig Förster and Jörg Nagler, eds., **On the Road to Total War: the American Civil War and the German Wars of Unification, 1861-1871** (1997) [*excellent collection of essays on the wars of the 1860's*]

### ATLASES:

Vincent Esposito, **The West Point Atlas of American Wars**, vol. 1, 1689-1900 (1959; repr. 1995)  
*....excellent on campaigns and major battles.*  
Mark Swanson, **Atlas of the Civil War Month by Month: Major Battles and Troop Movements** (2004)  
*....uses one base map to depict major and minor events; a very good way to present the strategic overview of the war.*  
Steven E. Woodworth and Kenneth J. Winkle, eds., **Atlas of the Civil War** (2004)  
*....covers minor battles, and corrects misprints and errors in the 1994 edition.*  
Time-Life Books, **Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War** (1996)  
U.S. Govt. Printing Office, **Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies** (1891-95), reprinted as **The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War** (1978, 1983)

### BATTLEFIELD TOUR GUIDES:

Frances Kennedy, ed., **The Civil War Battlefield Guide** (1990; expanded second edition, 1998)  
Sarah Richards, ed., **Civil War Sites** (Civil War Preservation Trust, 2003)  
  
Jay Luvaas and Harold Nelson, **The U.S. Army War College Guide to the Battle of Gettysburg** (1986)  
*[other volumes on Antietam, Chancellorsville, Shiloh, Vicksburg, and (different author) Chickamauga]*  
**Blue & Gray** magazine (bimonthly, ceased publication in 2017 ) [*each issue features a "General's Tour" of a selected Civil War site;*  
*also see their web site, [www.bluegraymagazine.com](http://www.bluegraymagazine.com)] Frequent articles (one per year) about Gettysburg, and article on the cavalry fight at Monterey Pass PA, XXVI (4), 2009.*

### MAGAZINES:

**MHQ: Military History Quarterly**  
**Blue and Gray** [see above]  
**Civil War Times Illustrated**  
**North and South**

### CIVIL WAR HISTORIES:

Bruce Catton, **This Hallowed Ground: the Story of the Union Side of the Civil War** (1955)  
  
Bruce Catton, Centennial History of the Civil War: **The Coming Fury** (1961), **Terrible Swift Sword** (1963), **Never Call Retreat** (1965)...*beautifully written and insightful, 1,400 pp.*  
  
Shelby Foote, **The Civil War: A Narrative**, 3 vols. (1958, 1963, 1974)...*comprehensive and well-written, 2800 pp.*  
  
James McPherson, **Battle Cry of Freedom: the Civil War Era** (1988)...*still considered the best single-volume history of the era.*

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG:

Bruce Catton, **Gettysburg: The Final Fury** (1974)...*excellent and perceptive short account, 116 pp.*

Edwin B. Coddington, **The Gettysburg Campaign: A Study in Command** (1968)

*...a classic account, thorough, reliable, and judicious.*

Shelby Foote, **Stars in Their Courses: the Gettysburg Campaign, June-July 1863** (1994)

*...a short book comprising the Gettysburg chapters from volume two of Foote's massive trilogy.*

Gary Gallagher, ed., **The First Day at Gettysburg** (1992)

**The Second Day at Gettysburg** (1993)

**The Third Day at Gettysburg and Beyond** (1994)

*...three volumes of "Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership" by historians offering their views on hotly debated questions.*

Stephen W. Sears, **Gettysburg** (2003)

*...very well-written and thoroughly researched narrative of the campaign and battle.*

R. Johnson and C. Buel, eds., **Battles and Leaders of the Civil War....** "being for the most part contributions by Union and Confederate officers...Based upon "The Century War Series." 4 vols. (1887-88; several reprint editions). ....*Volume 3 contains 27 essays and articles by participants in the battle, often opinionated generals!*

THE RETREAT AND PURSUIT AFTER THE BATTLE:

*Two excellent and detailed recent accounts are—*

Kent Masterson Brown, **Retreat From Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign** (2005)

*...the best and most comprehensive account.*

Eric J. Wittenberg, J. David Petrucci, and Michael F. Nugent, **One Continuous Fight: The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863** (2011)

*...excellent account emphasizing tactical situations and events.*

*Other shorter accounts include—*

Edwin B. Coddington, **The Gettysburg Campaign: A Study in Command** (1968), chapter 20: "Retreat and Pursuit."

A. Wilson Greene, "From Gettysburg to Falling Waters: Meade's Pursuit of Lee," in Gary Gallagher, ed., **The Third Day at Gettysburg and Beyond** (1994)

John D. Imboden, "The Confederate Retreat from Gettysburg," in volume 3 of

R. Johnson and C. Buel, eds., **Battles and Leaders of the Civil War...** "being for the most part contributions by Union and Confederate officers...Based upon "The Century War Series." 4 vols. (1887-88; several reprint editions).

John W. Schildt, **Roads From Gettysburg** (second edition, 2000)

*...brief and clear summary of events, day by day.*

Steve Talley, "Lee's Surrender at Gettysburg," chapter 12 of his **Almost America: From the Colonists to**

Clinton: A "What If" History of the U.S. (2000)

**North and South** magazine, 2(6), August 1999, Special Edition: The Retreat from Gettysburg.  
...contains seven good articles on aspects of the retreat and pursuit.

#### **HISTORICAL FICTION ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR:**

Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage* [Civil War]  
Michael Shaara, *The Killer Angels* [Gettysburg]....*Pulitzer-Prize winning novel.*  
Richard Slotkin, *The Crater* [Petersburg 1864]

#### **"GETTYSBURGS OF THE IMAGINATION:" WARGAMES AND ALTERNATE HISTORIES:**

##### A. ALTERNATE HISTORIES:

MacKinlay Kantor, **If the South Had Won the Civil War** (1960, repr. 2001)  
Peter Tsouras, **Gettysburg: An Alternate History** (1997, repr. 2007)

*For a comprehensive list of all other titles in this genre, see the website Uchronia;*  
<http://www.uchronia.net/>  
*For Gettysburg titles, look under "1863" in the website's "Divergence" section.*

##### B. BOARD WARGAMES:

**Terrible Swift Sword** (Simulations Publications Inc., 1976; several later revisions)  
...*regimental scale; detailed, realistic, complex but very playable and enjoyable.*  
**Thunder at the Crossroads: The Battle of Gettysburg** (The Gamers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1993)  
...*brigade-level scale; emphasizes command and control as well as combat.*  
**Roads to Gettysburg: Lee's Invasion of Pennsylvania, June-July 1863** (Avalon Hill Co., 1993)  
...*covers the entire campaign with counters representing divisions and brigades.*

*For a comprehensive list of board wargames, see the website Web-Grognards:*  
<http://grognard.com/>

#### **INTERNET WEB SITES:**

##### **"ONE-STOP SHOPPING" FOR NEW, USED AND OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS:**

[www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com)

...provides access to all the holdings of Amazon.com, ABE, Biblio.com, Powell's, etc., etc.

##### **CIVIL WAR HISTORY SITE:**

[www.civilwararchive.com](http://www.civilwararchive.com)

..."The Civil War Archive"...includes much data, including the contents of Dyer's *Compendium* (complete listing of all Civil War regiments and their histories, etc!)