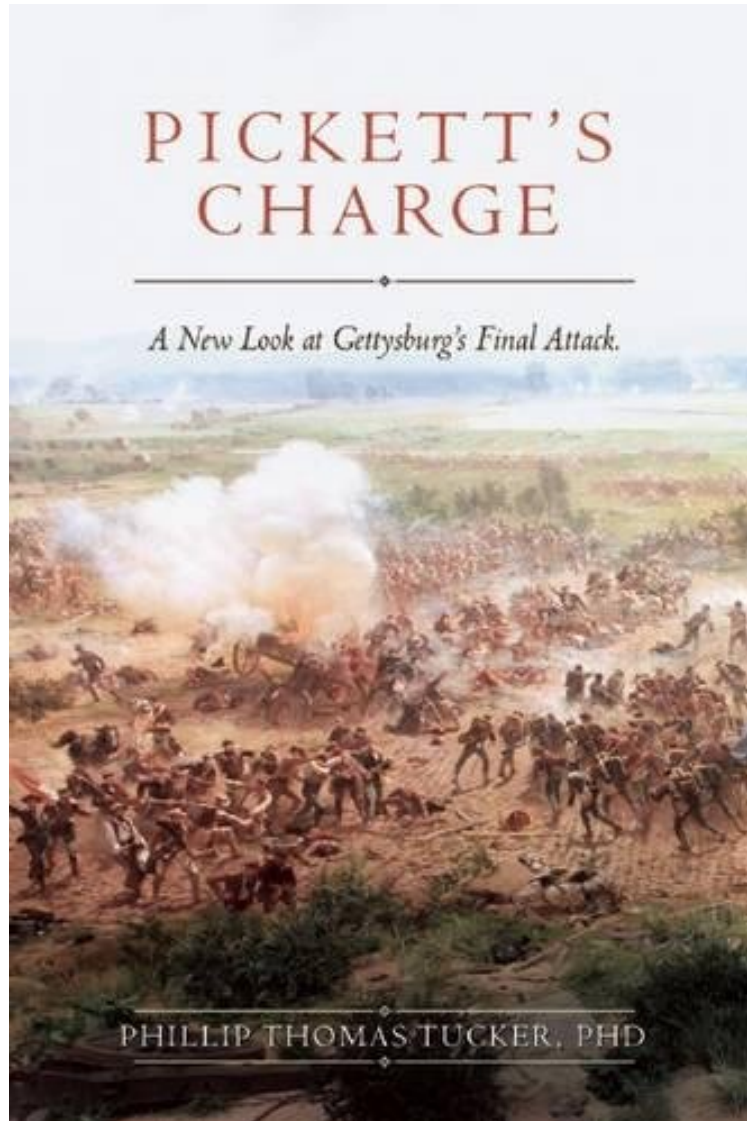


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defense of Robert E. Lee and a probing examination of what happened that fateful afternoon. The result is a thought-provoking and eye-opening study of this pivotal moment in American history." —Louis P. Masur, PhD. Distinguished Professor of American studies and History, Rutgers University, and author of *The Civil War: A Concise History*"In nearly all recent surveys, Americans list the Battle of Gettysburg as the most recognizable and most important of all battles in our history. And, when asked what they know about Gettysburg, to top of that list is Pickett's Charge. When pressed a little harder, if they know anything about the charge, most will say it was a disaster, that General Lee didn't know what he was doing, that there was no way it could have succeeded, and so forth. Relying heavily on the combatants's first-hand accounts, Phillip Thomas Tucker cuts away the myths and offers a fresh new interpretation that challenges long held views of the story. Rather than seeing Pickett's Charge as foolhardy, Tucker considers Lee's plan as a stroke of genius, and that, had a few things gone differently, could well have ended the war in favor of the Confederacy." —Robert K. Sutton, former Chief Historian, National Park Service