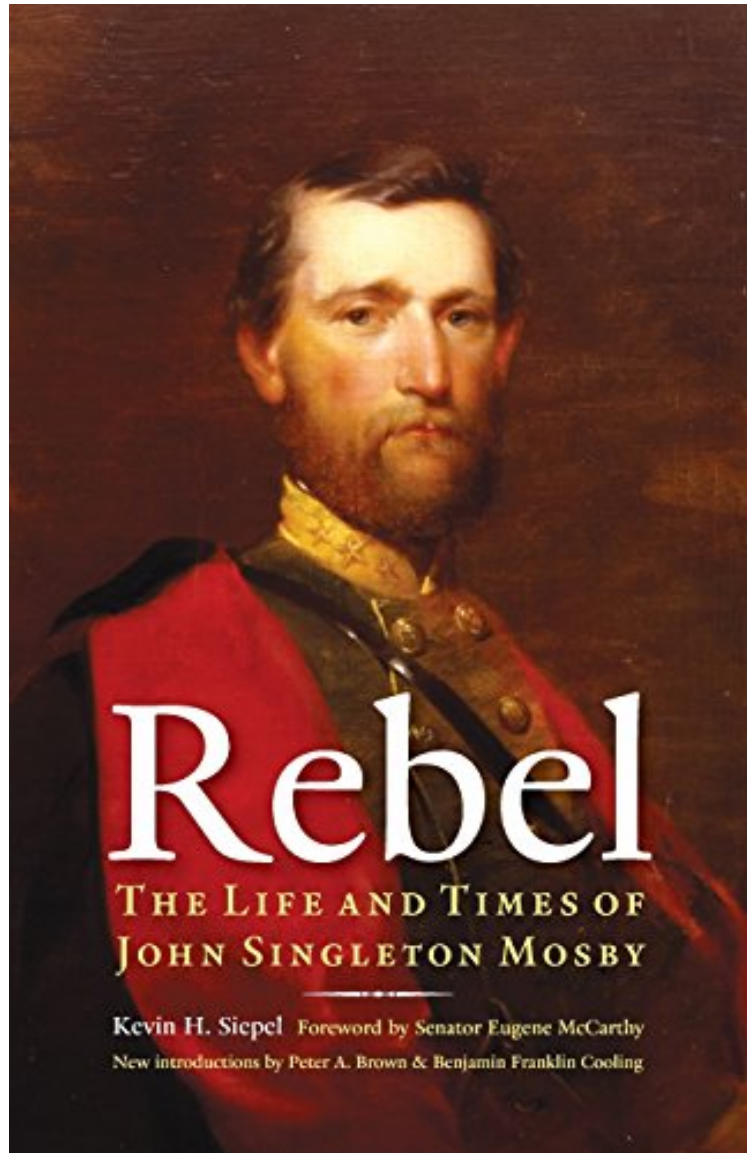


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Kevin H. Siepel : Rebel: The Life and Times of John Singleton Mosby before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rebel: The Life and Times of John Singleton Mosby:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. More than military By J. S. Harris Mosby's Memoirs was the first book I read on John S Mosby, at least in my adult life. I grew up in northern Virginia at a place where his exploits took place and he was a legend and my idol as we played boys games of war. I was always Mosby. About that time there was a black and white TV show called the "Gray Ghost." This fueled my fire for Mosby. But boys become men and I

forgot about my hero till many years later, now in my 60s. Only now as a veteran Army Infantry Captain and Vietnam war helicopter pilot do I realize what a great impact the life of this man has had on me and so much I have done. Siepel's book gives us a look at much more than just the exploits, if you can say the words, "just the exploits" about Mosby. For as a student of history and military history it is hard to find a comparison to what this man did. I carefully studied to try to find the key. How do you routinely route and defeat 200 of the best equipped and trained cavalry the Union army has to offer with 30 men? And this is not just a single incident, this was routine! What was the key? In Siebel's book I thought I could find it in Mosby's later life. As he bloomed in years perhaps the flowers essence would at last reveal itself. And, subtly it does. I don't want to spoil the book for you, but in it you will find the story of a man who shoots a bully in college and goes to jail, starts Confederate army life as a private and ends it as a Lt. Colonel, and is commended by none other than Robert E. Lee more than any other officer. (For those who do not know, generals do not often take notice of Lt. Colonels, must less commend them). After the war this "god" of war has a checkered and interesting career. Just as in army life, he never puts himself or his gain first. Just as in the Army when he allowed his men to pillage captured military stock and equipment for themselves but scrupulously avoids doing so himself, the same mannerism occur, much to his fiscal harm, in his many government jobs where he has opportunity to reap the illegal profits all around him seem to enjoy. Simple, black and white, right and wrong, the best friend you could ever have and the most skilled advisory, as Union General Stoughton finds out when Mosby kidnaps him from his bed in the middle of his sleeping army. The equal of Alexander the Great on miniature or the young biblical David fighting the Philistines, such are the verified exploits of this one in a thousand years warrior. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. MOSBY By BILL GREAT LIFE, GREAT LEADER GREAT MAN IN GREY 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Mosby - contrarian man of honor By Generic Personage Though this book's prose may not sing, the thorough research and serviceable writing have produced an account of Mosby's life, especially his post 1865 life, that conveys a strong sense of what made Mosby unique -- the combination of ferocity, honor, intelligence, integrity, and realism. Recommended.

Rebel is the first complete biography of Col. John S. Mosby, one of the Confederacy's best-known practitioners of guerrilla warfare. The book not only covers his early life and wartime exploits, but also delves into his postwar life, breaking new ground in the process. Mosby, one-time nemesis of the U.S. government, not only became a staunch Republican and the friend of Republican presidents, but also went on to serve in crusading positions as U.S. consul in Hong Kong, as a Land Office special agent in Nebraska and Alabama, and as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice. A fighter for much of his long life, he was nonetheless thoroughly revolted by the carnage being perpetrated in Europe as he approached his death in 1916.

Rebel yields solid insights into the warrior [Mosby]. . . . A definite contribution to Civil War and Reconstruction history. -- Grand Rapids Press A splendid portrait. -- Richmond Times-Dispatch This crisply written, well researched biography provides an entertaining rundown on the exploits of a bonafide Confederate hero. -- Atlanta Journal Decent, solid, popular biography. -- Village Voice In this sympathetic, brightly told account, [Mosby] emerges as an unpredictable, fiercely independent figure with a near-obsessive "affinity for the irregular" in all things. . . . Siepel recreates Mosby's Civil War years nicely. -- Publishers Weekly "To see a pure example of audacity and enterprise turn to Rebel. . . . It is a dramatic account of the extraordinary life of one of the most colorful and controversial figures on the Confederate side. . . . Rebel is a memorable account of a memorable maverick." — Edmund Fuller, Wall Street Journal