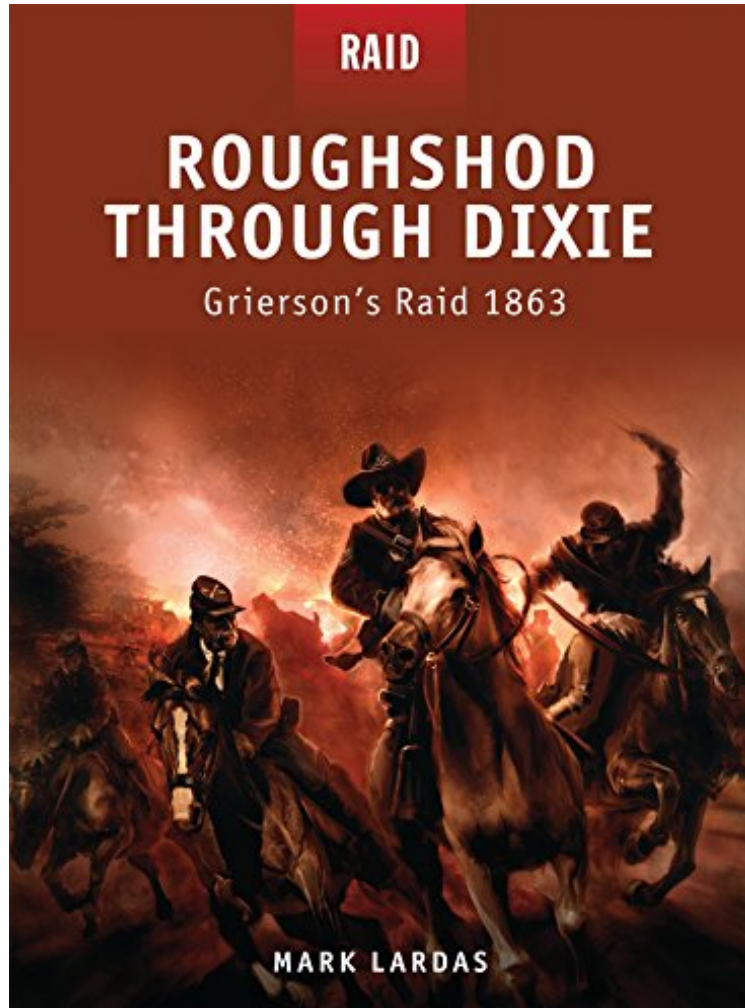


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**Mark Lardas : Roughshod Through Dixie: Grierson's Raid 1863** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Roughshod Through Dixie: Grierson's Raid 1863:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Concise AccountBy KJAGI won't delve into what the book is about, since it is covered well by the narrative and other reviews. This book covers the raid in a direct, concise manner that is easy to read and comprehend, and can be read in two or three sittings. In addition to most (not all) aspects of the raid itself, which is covered on a day-to-day basis--excellent background information is provided covering Grierson and the origins and strategy of the raid, as well as an analysis of the results after the raid. The narration is professional and polished. The book itself and the type is larger than most books, which I found to be refreshing. An excellent, colored full-page map covering the raid's path is provided, which I simply marked with a post-it tab to refer back to. Helpful illustrations, drawings, and photos are sprinkled throughout the text. If you are looking for a more in depth, and a more

personal account of the raid, including the feelings, thoughts, and descriptions by participants from journals, letters, memoirs, etc.--this is not the book. Editing could have been better. Richard Surby, who led the "Butternut Guerrillas" in advance of the main body of troops to collect intel and spread disinformation, belonged to the 7th IL Cavalry, not the 2nd Iowa, as stated in this book. This error stood out. There could be more. There are a handful of typo/mechanics errors. Not a big issue, but a bit annoying. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nice rendering of the tale of Grierson's raid

By Steven Peterson  
A retelling of the Grierson Raid as Ulysses Grant was beginning the process of investing Vicksburg during the Civil War.... This 1863 adventure sent Benjamin Grierson and his cavalry on a raid into Mississippi to baffle and bedevil Confederate forces and obscure Grant's movements. Starting the raid from LaGrange, Tennessee, Grierson (a former music teacher from Illinois), led his brigade on a movement to the south. His aim was to disrupt Confederate communications (including tearing up railroad tracks) and create consternation that would help disguise Grant's movements by focusing Confederate attention on the raid. This book looks at the plan of action and how it was implemented. For instance, at one point, Grierson sent some of his troops back to LaGrange, hopefully to induce the southern forces to think that his force had retreated while, in fact, his main body continued its southern march. Pages 18-23 outline the various Confederate forces that Grierson's men would have to contend with. The heart of the book, though, is the day-by-day description of the raid. Pages 36 through 39 outline the action taking place during the sixteen day raid. Some helpful maps give a sense of the geography of the raid. All in all, a nice, albeit slender, volume on one of the most famous cavalry raids of the Civil War. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. And He Didn't Even Like Horses!

By Gloria chisholm  
Although Grant intended Grierson's raid to be a diversion from his attempt to get his troops across the Mississippi, it was quite a productive effort. Many miles of track were torn up, bridges destroyed, wires pulled down, and other military assets destroyed. All the while, Grierson managed to evade the Confederates, even getting them to follow a decoy column. He was able to get his men safely back into Union lines, thereby more than fulfilling his mission. The account is succinct and easily absorbed.

On April 17, 1863 Benjamin Grierson led a force of 1,700 Union cavalrymen across enemy lines into the Confederate-held Tennessee in a bold diversionary raid. Over the next seventeen days, Grierson's horsemen caused havoc by destroying railroad lines, attacking outposts, burning military stores and fighting numerous small actions, before breaking back through the lines at Baton Rouge. The raid was a tremendous success, not only by virtue of the destruction it caused, but also because the Confederates were forced to divert thousands of troops away from the front lines during General Grant's critical Vicksburg offensive. This book tells the complete story of one of the most daring Union raids of the war.

"This study has all of the typical visual presentation hallmarks of an Osprey book, with numerous period photographs and illustrations, as well as original color artwork [among them, bird's eye view paintings of the attacks on the towns of Enterprise and Hazelhurst]. The operational map traces the progress of the main force, as well as the movements of its trio of diversionary and supporting detachments. Confederate troop concentrations are also marked. Roughshod Through Dixie is a solid history of Grierson's famous raid." ?Andrew Wagenhoffer, Civil War Books and Authors "By far the type of history that outshines any fictional tale. A gripping story that will keep you engrossed. A book I found to be a fascinating read and one that I can highly recommend to you." ?Scott Van Aken, Modeling Madness "... the complete story of one of the most courageous and successful Union raids of the war." ?www.mataka.org (November 2010)

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