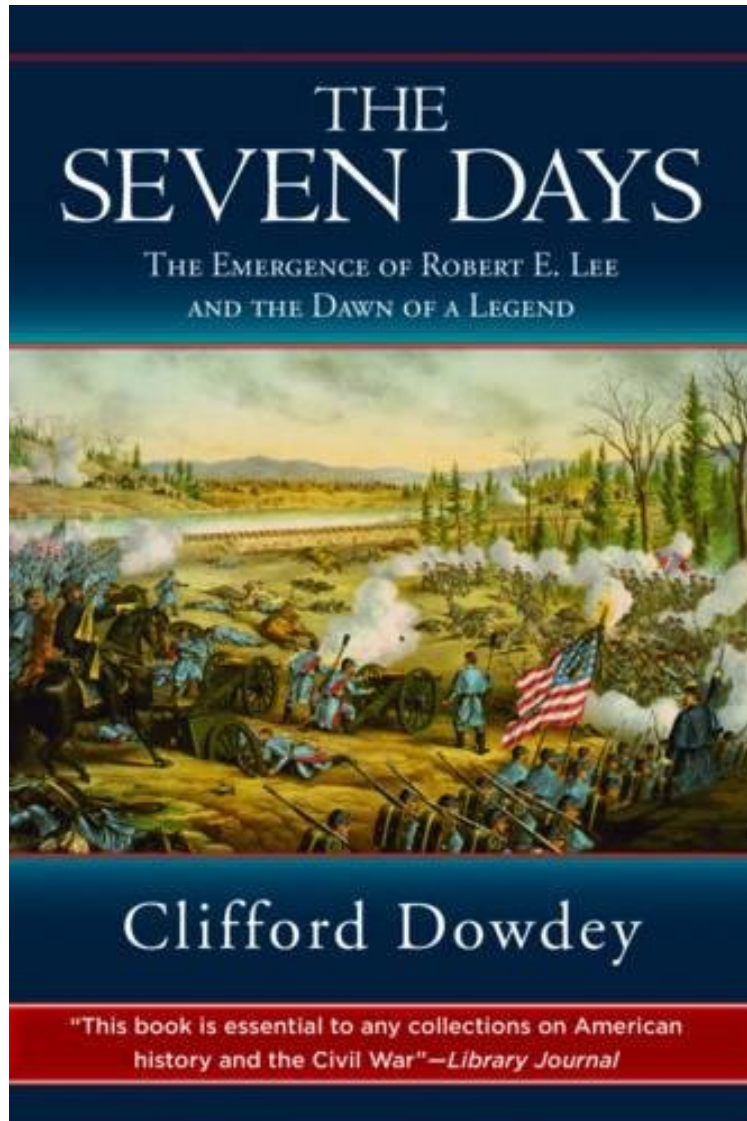


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Campaigns. I read about them in grammar school and some outside reading. It never occurred to me that Robert E. Lee didn't suddenly appear as a savior for Southern arms following the disastrous efforts of Joe Johnston, the previous commander. I also did not know that the revered Jackson was almost a no show in the early struggles outside Richmond. The Seven Days were a series of battles that resulted from Northern efforts to end the war early and without too much effort and damage to north and south, according to the author. Northern forces had driven south with the intention of taking Richmond, VA. Johnston couldn't stop them. It looked like the fighting might be over soon. The author believes that three more years of destruction might have been avoided if Lee had not taken over the Confederate forces in northern Virginia. Lee developed a plan to destroy the northern army. The big hitch was Jackson, who had brought his troops from the west, failed Lee, and many other commanders failed to follow orders. The Union soldiers were driven away from the Richmond area, but the army was saved intact. Lee restructured his forces, ran off a few generals, used a regenerated Jackson to good effect and made a war of it. The book is a little dull in spots but introduced a theory previously unknown to me. The maps would have been OK if they were larger. I debated three stars before settling on four. Clifford Dowdey provides the reader with a great mass of detail, perhaps a smidgen too much. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Detail on the Peninsular Campaign and RichmondBy WatergiverThis is a very good summary of the earlier days of the Civil war, the ascendancy of Lee and the unprepared leadership of the Union. Lincoln and Stanton pretty much ran the war from Washington at this time. While there were flashes of leadership brilliance on both sides, neither side understood how to coordinate their own forces and left the generals hanging. The Stonewall Jackson is portrayed in a very negative light and portrays him as the reason this was not a stronger victory for the South. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a coherent, understandable account of a long ...By David HThis is a coherent, understandable account of a long and confusing battle sequence. The author attempts psychological insights when depicting the leaders, is hard on Johnston, and presents Jackson as a stunned duck, incapacitated by fatigue. The writing, while not inspired, has the merit of clarity, for which I rate the book five stars.

The Seven Days Campaign was a series of battles fought near Richmond at the end of June 1862. General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia had routed General George B. McClellan's Army of the Potomac. Depriving McClellan of a military decision meant the war would continue for two more years. The Seven Days depicts a critical turning point in the Civil War that would ingrain Robert E. Lee in history as one of the finest generals of all time. Masterfully written, The Seven Days is Dowdey at his finest—detailed and riveting.

“This book is essential to any collections on American history and the Civil War.” (Library Journal)About the AuthorClifford Dowdey (1904–1979) was an American writer, best known for his fascination with the Civil War and southern American history. A native of Richmond, Virginia, Dowdey lived and worked in almost every region of the United States before returning back to his home state. He published his first bestseller, *Bugles Blow No More*, in 1937 and would write over thirty-five books throughout his career. He died in Richmond in 1979.