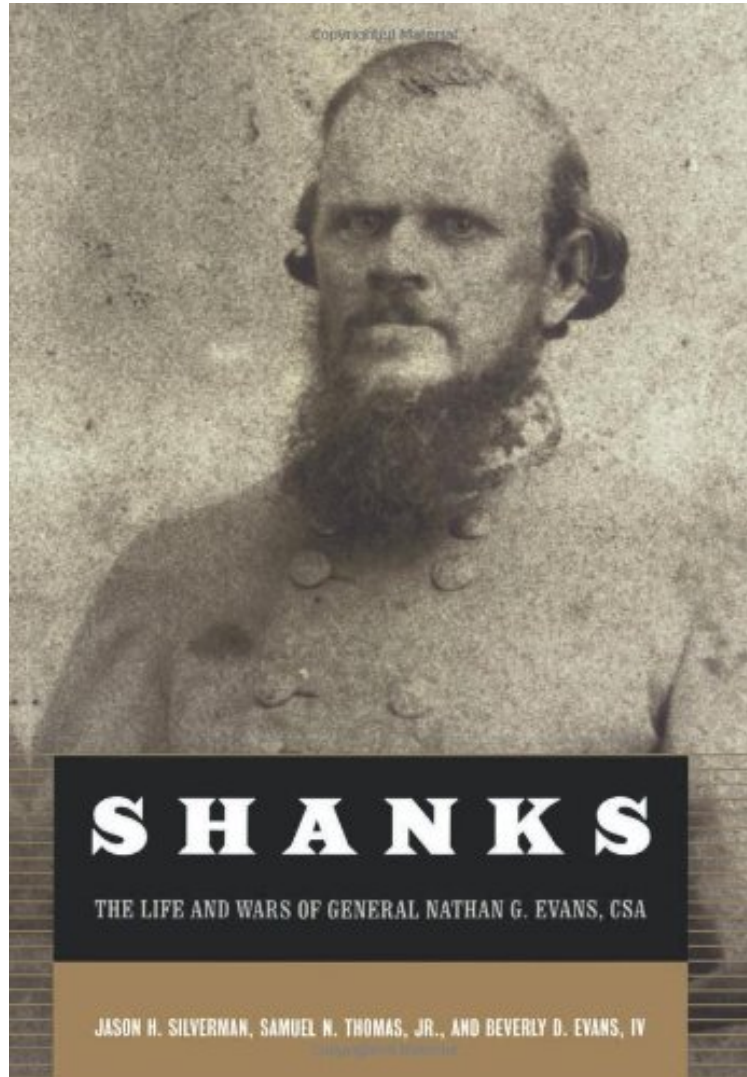


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Jason H. Silverman, Samuel N. Thomas Jr., Beverly D. Evans IV : Shanks: The Life and Wars of General Nathan George Evans, C.S.A. before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shanks: The Life and Wars of General Nathan George Evans, C.S.A.:

9 of 11 people found the following review helpful. An engaging read and scholarly soundBy Jason GI purchased this

book a few weeks back because it was written by one of my favorite college professors and advisor, Dr. Silverman at Winthrop, hoping the book would be as good as his lectures. I was not disappointed. For someone uninitiated to the life of General Evans, like myself, the narrative portions of the book gave a real feel for his times and motivations. The battle descriptions are certainly more than who moved his forces where and such. A real sense of the character of Gen. Evans and how his leadership style meshed with the flow of the Confederate Army opened up to me the depth of the military action and struggle of battles, like Manassas, that I am already familiar with. Letting the participants speak for themselves through their own personal letters is well done, especially since the narrative flows well with the letters. Again, the only complaint would be the lack of maps, other than that this is a fine read for the general reader and for those concerned with the details of the Civil War and Confederate leadership. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Disappointed! By R. Scott Pearson I had read many short exploits on "Shanks" and was really excited to read a full book on his exploits. This book however proved disappointing. I never got the feel for his true personality. The author states that he was "honored" with a position in the Dragoons after West Point. The dragoons were where bottom of the barrel for West Point grads. Later on he's a Major on one page then a Colonel on the next page. It's not until 4-5 pages later are we informed that he was promoted. Many times during a battle the reader is left scratching his head asking what happened. The detail of a movement is described and the next thing you know the battle was over. What happened? I've read over 63 Civil War biographies and was disappointed in this one. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The partial rehabilitation of an historical drunk By Dick Stanley. Evans has long been derided as one of the great insubordinate drunks of the war, a sort of Jubilation T. Cornpone who advanced as well as retreated. So it's good to see Silverman demonstrate how at least some of the drinking reputation was the backstabbing of jealous rivals. And that the insubordination was not frivolous. Indeed, Evans's refusal to retreat in the face of superior force, as Beauregard had ordered, and instead attack, made him the unsung hero of First Manassas/Bull Run. The book also will be useful for such as finally explaining why Evans withdrew his brigade south from Leesburg against Beauregard's orders four days before the October 1861 Battle of Leesburg/Ball's Bluff. Silverman says Evans had word that the Federals intended to flank him from the Aldie turnpike south of the town. The only low point for me was the author's pedestrian writing. The interesting defense of an historically-maligned hero is unfortunately more dryly journalistic than a good historical narrative ought to be. Especially when the author has access, as Silverman does, to previously unknown family and professional correspondence.

Until now, little has been known about Nathan "Shanks" Evans, a prominent and highly controversial Confederate general who served throughout the Civil War in several theaters of operations. Thankfully, because of a recently discovered cache of his personal papers—long rumored to exist but never before seen—it is now possible to present his fascinating Civil War odyssey largely in his own words. Shanks covers Evans's entire amazing career, from his brave stand with a brigade at the famous stone bridge at First Manassas to his controversial months in North and South Carolina, where his erratic and harsh behavior earned the ire of much of his subordinate officer corps. Fighting in nearly every important campaign of the war, the famous brigade under his command was so well traveled it was known throughout the army as "The Tramp Brigade." Viewing the Civil War and the actions of his men through Evans's eyes is an engrossing new perspective and adds substantially to the literature of the Civil War.

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