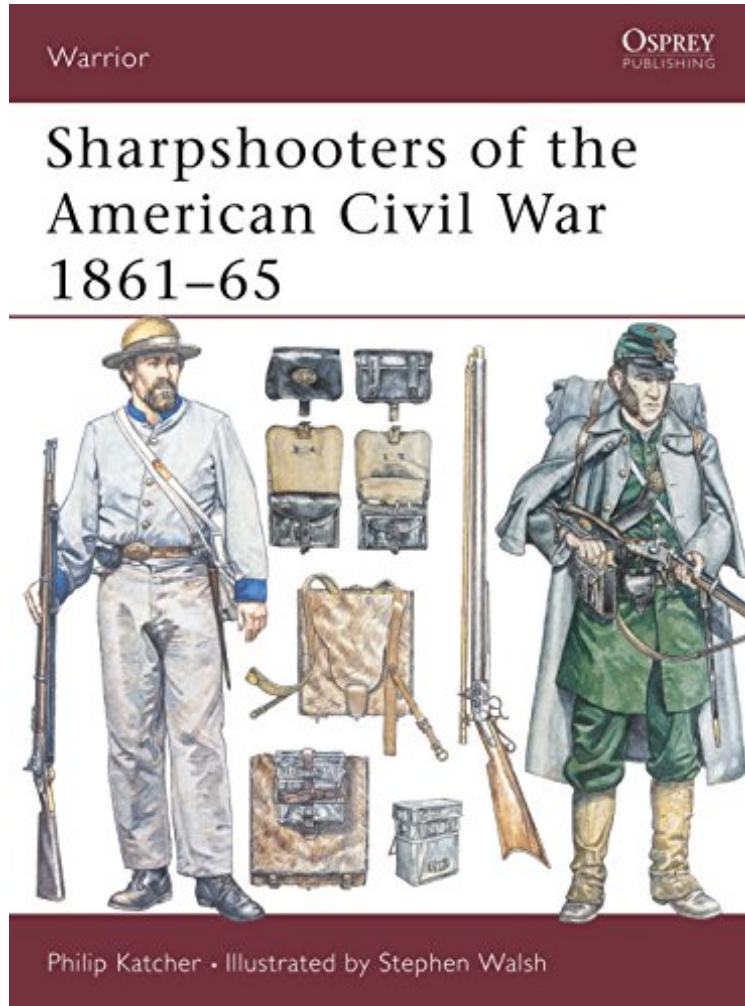


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Philip Katcher : Sharpshooters of the American Civil War 1861–65 (Warrior) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sharpshooters of the American Civil War 1861–65 (Warrior):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Rifles in a musket army
By James D. Crabtree
This is a good book on a difficult subject. While the Union tried to incorporate sharpshooters into special regiments (the USSS) and did specialty recruiting and qualification the Confederates used a less formal method of selecting and organizing shooting specialists which in theory gave them a more evenly-distributed capability. Complications on the availability of long-range rifles also made forming sharpshooter units, although in this respect the North had a definite advantage over the South. Well-written and reasoned, this book looks at the use of Sharpshooters as specialized skirmishers, able to use superior marksmanship and cover to survive in that role, rather than habitually picking off priority targets. If this book

has a weakness it is taking time to discuss at length hardships and training common to all soldiers, not just sharpshooters. The illustrations and photos are excellent! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful.

Sharpshooters of the American Civil War 1861-1865 By Lars Larson 4.70 Very nice pictures of uniforms and equipment for the Confederate and Union Armies. Nice detail and focus on accuracy of the accessories used by the soldiers. Rifles were pictured in a group with enlarged breech areas. All done in artist's rendition. Few actual pictures of rifles, except with pictures of soldiers posing with rifles. Hard to see detail then. Pictures are old and grainy. And no close-ups of them. I suppose there are few rifles to use for pictures. I like the Green uniforms shown for Berdains Sharpshooters. Book presents brief overview of Sharpshooters from both sides. Nice quick summary book. Short but sweet! Thanks.

Larry 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Liked the book but could of been more detailed about ...

By Michael Scott Liked the book but could of been more detailed about the obscure rifles that weren't mentioned. Tended to dwell too much on the Union side and didn't really list the top shooters on both sides. Great book though and full of information

When the American Civil War (1861-1865) broke out, both Confederate and Union experts decided that specialized sharpshooter units should be formed. These highly trained marksmen served in a front-line role and, due to the technological developments of the 1850s, were equipped with weapons that could guarantee greater accuracy over increased range than traditional muskets. This title examines the recruitment, training, tactics and deployment of sharpshooters from both sides of the conflict. It also takes a close look at the specialized personal weaponry of the sharpshooter, the rifle and its accoutrements, as well as the sharpshooters' unique insignia and identification patches.

From the Publisher Insights into the real lives of history's fighting men, packed with full colour illustrations, highly detailed cutaways, exploded artwork of weaponry and armour, and action-packed battle scenes.

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