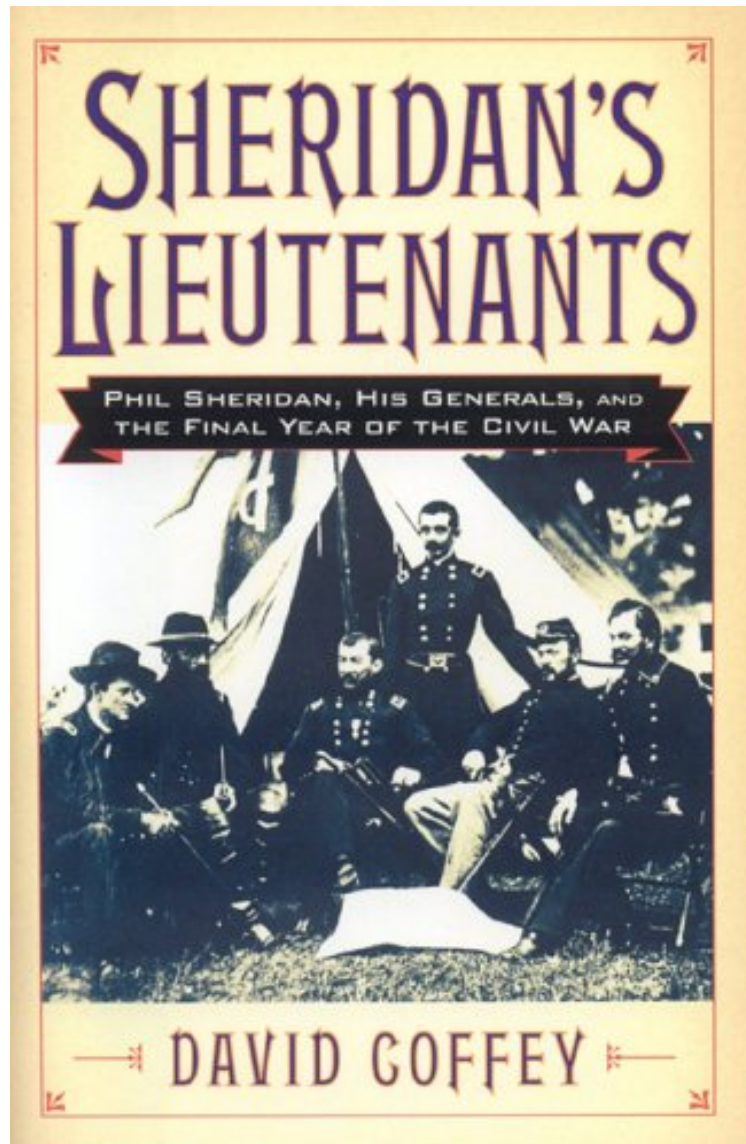


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In 1864, General U. S. Grant summoned thirty-three-year-old Major General Philip Sheridan to lead George Gordon Meade's cavalry in the resilient yet seemingly lethargic Army of the Potomac. Sheridan's fiery determination and uncompromising demand for performance quickly gained him the upper hand against Confederate cavalry forces in Virginia. He surrounded himself with men who could deliver glory and victory, including George A. Custer, George Crook, and Wesley Merritt. Together, they directed the most potent fighting force during the war's final year and went on to influence the Army into the twentieth century. In this exciting new work, David Coffey tells the compelling story of Sheridan and his lieutenants—exploring their relationships and examining their roles in the Civil War and beyond. As he takes the reader through the battles of 1864 and 1865, Coffey provides a unique insight into the formation of the martial brotherhood that dominated the American military establishment for almost forty years.

From BooklistCoffey's compact, readable monograph covers the Army of the Potomac's last year in the Civil War through a group portrayal of Philip Sheridan and the cavalry commanders he brought with him from the West. Like their chief, those subordinate officers believed in mobility and aggressive use of massed cavalry, and they contributed notably to the greater effectiveness of the Union cavalry in the Overland Campaign, the Shenandoah Campaign, and the final overthrow of the Confederacy at Appomattox. About the only one of them the nonspecialist is likely to have heard of is George Armstrong Custer, but Wesley Merritt, George Crook, Ranald Mackenzie, and Alfred Torbert also had distinguished postwar careers. Coffey knows his territory from thorough research (see the fine, annotated bibliography) and has written clearly, making even fast-moving mounted engagements intelligible. An admirable set of portraits--what an array of whiskers!--concludes the book's catalog of virtues. Roland GreenCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved Sheridan's Lieutenants is a fine operational history of the forces commanded by General Phil Sheridan in the last year of the Civil War. David Coffey is obviously a partisan of Sheridan but is alert to his shortcomings as well as his strengths. The book's solid research, reasoned judgments, and able writing will make it appeal to Civil War buffs as well as scholars. Coffey's description of the final race to Appomattox, in particular, creates a sense of excitement that makes a familiar story seem new. (Michael D. Pierce, Tarleton State University)Professor David Coffey has written a concise, interesting, and fast-paced study of the evolution and accomplishments of the Union cavalry in the East that is useful to any student of the last year of the Civil War in Virginia. (Eric J. Wittenberg, author of *Little Phil: An Assessment of the Civil War Generalship of Philip H. Sheridan*)During the final year of the American Civil War Phil Sheridan struck several of the key blows that brought the Confederacy to its knees. Controversial and colorful, the fiery cavalryman often ran roughshod over friend as well as foe; to this day his generalship remains a source of debate. David Coffey's study should raise a few eyebrows while enriching our understanding of Sheridan and the men who fought with him, including the flamboyant George Armstrong Custer, the hard-bitten Tom Devin, and the steady Wesley Merritt. (Brooks D. Simpson, Arizona State University, author of *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph over Adversity*)Coffey knows his territory from thorough research (see the fine, annotated bibliography) and has written clearly, making even fast-moving mounted engagements intelligible. An admirable set of portraits . . . concludes the book's catalog of virtues. (Roland Green Booklist)Coffey packs each page with detail that adds to our knowledge of a man, his command, and the sites where they did great things. Sheridan's Lieutenants is worth more in historical value than its actual price, as it provides great scholarly

insight into a lesser known piece of Civil War history. Historians and general readers should consider placing this work on their reading lists. (Daniel Sauerwein, Illinois College Journal of Military History)About the AuthorDavid Coffey is chair of the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he teaches U.S. and Latin American history. His books include *John Bell Hood and the Struggle for Atlanta* and *Soldier Princess: The Life and Legend of Agnes Salm-Salm in North America, 1861–1867*.