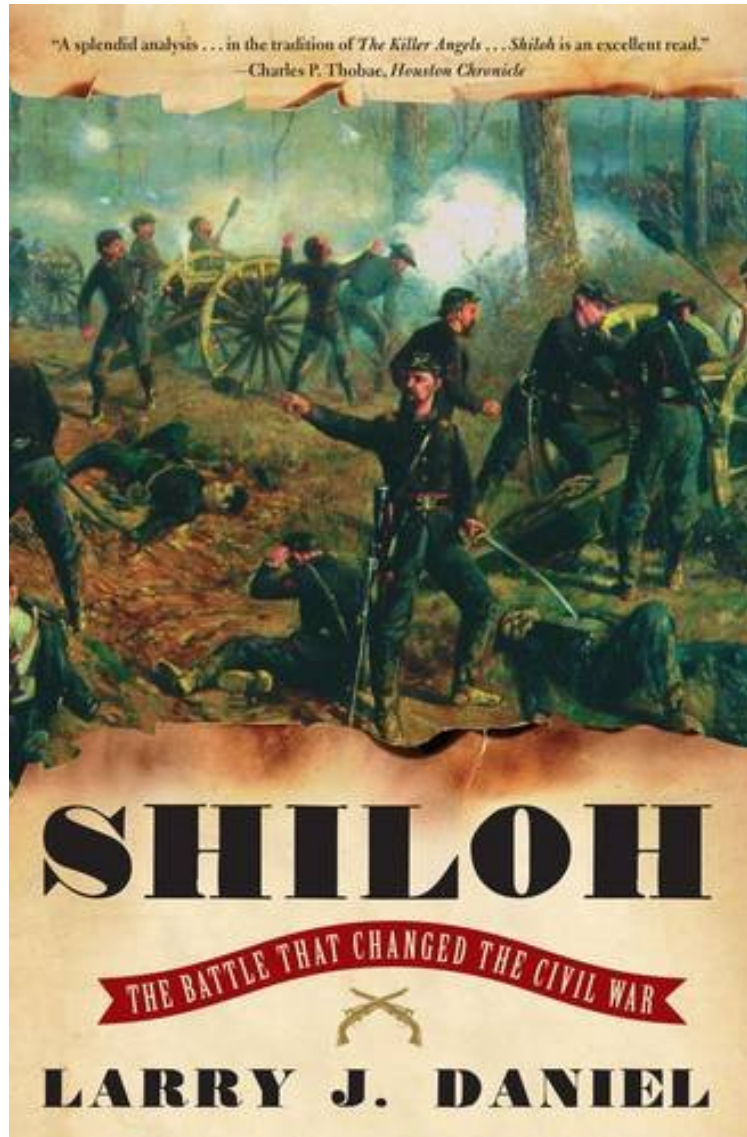


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is one. He is from Louisiana. But how does that help us understand the Battle of Shiloh? Or anything. Is his heritage a source of contention? Maybe. But not in this book. Now Daniel calls Beauregard the Creole so many times that we are not confused. But he does the same thing with minor figures and troops. He will drop a minor officer's rank. This is fine for Grant or Bragg, well known figures, but not for captains and colonels. This seems like an entertaining book for people who know a lot about Shiloh. Daniel seems like one of those teachers who knows a lot, but cannot give a meaningful lecture. When you read Sears or Guelzo or McPherson or Foote, you can follow the events. You know where the pieces fit. Here so little time is spent on each military unit's movements, that you can't see the forest for the trees. I suggest you read another book on Shiloh first. Maybe two of them. Then come back. Some people, people who know things, regard Daniel's book highly. I have a library of several hundred books in The Civil War and have read most of them. This is not one I could recommend to a newcomer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Best Book on Shiloh to Date By Eric Lee Smith This is one of the better books on the American Civil War that I have read. It covers the Shiloh campaign and the battle itself, which shocked the people of both sides with its casualties and ferocity. The book is well written and moves along nicely, but what really helps the most is the 15 maps that are included. They cover both the campaign and the battle and show most of the details that are talked about in the book. Sometimes one map is used to show too much, too long a period of time, but that's a quibble. There are three major books on the battle, I own all three and this is the best by far. I appreciate the details in the book, the troop movements and the resulting combats, but I also appreciate his character sketches. The author does not have any axes to grind that I could detect with the result being a balanced treatment of a controversial event. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Shiloh: The Battle That Changed The Civil War By Michael Taylor "Shiloh: The Battle That Changed The Civil War" by Larry Daniel is a readable account of one of the war's bloodiest battles that is sometimes overlooked by other battles (Gettysburg, Antietam, etc.). The first 100 pages or so provides the setting and strategy leading up to Shiloh while the remaining 200 pages focuses on the battle and strategic importance. The narrative is smooth and readable and the author appears to be fair in his criticism and praise for leaders on both sides. The major problem I had with the book is the maps. While the ones in the book are of good quality and provide sufficient detail, in my humble opinion, there are just not enough to follow the many detailed troop movements and engagements described in the book. Complaint aside, the book is a good read and is recommended. However, since I have not read other books on Shiloh (Wiley Sword, etc.), I cannot say for certain that this book is the definitive study of this bloody engagement.

The battle of Shiloh, fought in April 1862 in the wilderness of south central Tennessee, marked a savage turning point in the Civil War. In this masterful book, Larry Daniel re-creates the drama and the horror of the battle and discusses in authoritative detail the political and military policies that led to Shiloh, the personalities of those who formulated and executed the battle plans, the fateful misjudgments made on both sides, and the heroism of the small-unit leaders and ordinary soldiers who manned the battlefield.

From Publishers Weekly The bloodbath at Shiloh, Tenn. (April 6-7, 1862), brought an end to any remaining innocence in the Civil War. The combined 23,000 casualties that the two armies inflicted on each other in two days shocked North and South alike. Ulysses S. Grant kept his head and managed, with reinforcements, to win a hard-fought victory. Confederate general Albert Sidney Johnston was wounded and bled to death, leaving P.G.T. Beauregard to disengage and retreat with a dispirited gray-clad army. Daniel (Soldiering in the Army of Tennessee) has crafted a superbly researched volume that will appeal to both the beginning Civil War reader as well as those already familiar with the course of fighting in the wooded terrain bordering the Tennessee River. His impressive research includes the judicious use of contemporary newspapers and extensive collections of unpublished letters and diaries. He offers a lengthy discussion of the overall strategic situation that preceded the battle, a survey of the generals and their armies and, within the notes, sharp analyses of the many controversies that Shiloh has spawned?including assessments of previous scholarship on the battle. This first new book on Shiloh in a generation concludes with a cogent chapter on the consequences of those two fatal days of conflict. Illustrations not seen by PW. BOMC and History Book Club split main selections. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Before Antietam, Shiloh stood as the bloodiest engagement of the Civil War. The April 1862 battle did not decide the war, as Daniel (Soldiering in the Army of Tennessee, Univ. of North Carolina, 1991) recognizes, but it almost ruined Gen. U.S. Grant, shook up the commands of both Union and Confederate armies, and left the West open to Union advances. Daniel's is the first study of the battle in 20 years and in many ways the most original. By juxtaposing accounts of fighting along the lines with scenes of political infighting in Washington and Richmond, Daniel shows how the politics of command, personal jealousies, piecemeal intelligence, and the skills of small-unit commanders affected the outcome of the battle. He also reminds us how little politicians and generals controlled events once soldiers started to fight. But he oversells the story. Only astute readers will escape from the swirl of battle details with a good sense of why Shiloh mattered. Recommended for large public and academic libraries.?Randall M. Miller, St. Joseph's Univ., Philadelphia Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist The first truly momentous battle of the Civil War, Shiloh was

fought in April 1862 as Union forces tried to advance up the Tennessee River into the western Confederacy and the Confederates scrambled frantically to halt them. Generalship in both armies ranged from mediocre to abysmal, and whole divisions on both sides were only half armed and less than half trained. In a detailed, practically regiment-by-regiment accounting, Daniel shows how enough men stood and fought to produce total casualties of 23,000--more than those in all previous American wars put together--and a Union victory that ultimately meant disaster for the Confederacy. Daniel, a clear and sometimes even graceful writer, exhibits balanced judgment, thorough research, and the ability to explain strategy well to the lay reader. His *Shiloh* is one of the best recent battle monographs for beginning Civil War buffs and virtually every other kind, too. Joint main selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club and main selection of the History Book Club. Roland Green