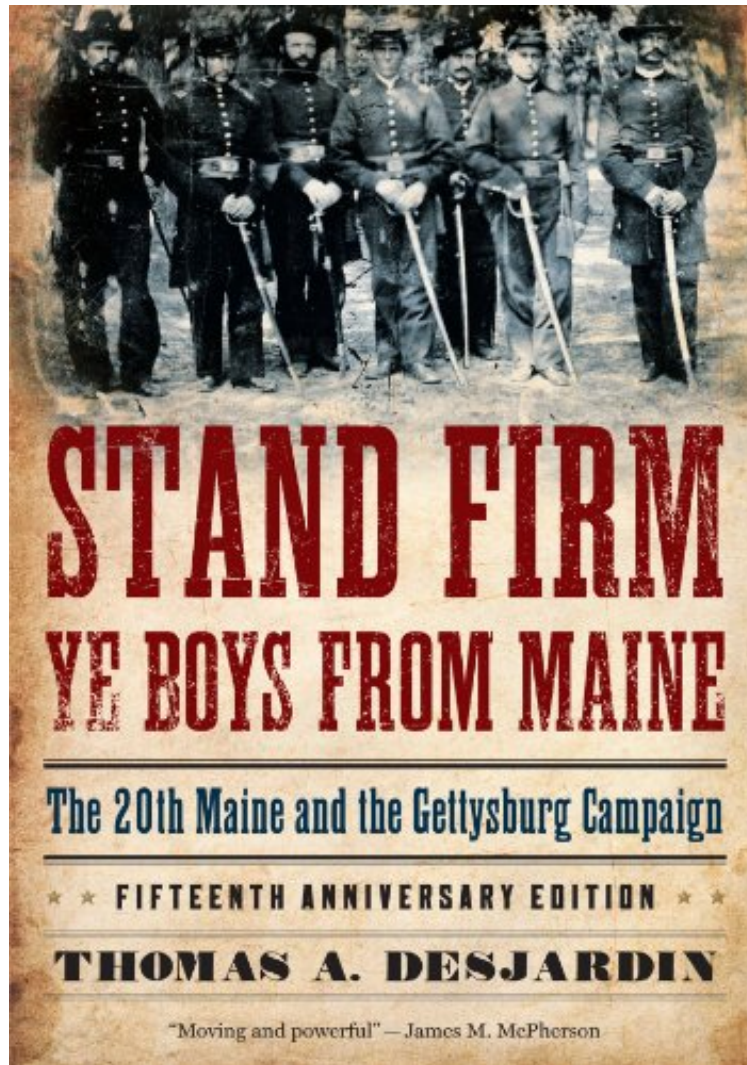


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. With The 20th MaineBy Critic MoiI have read a lot about the 20th Maine at Gettysburg and the exploits of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, their Colonel. I enjoyed "Killer Angels" and

the movie "Gettysburg" based on that novel. I have also read the after action report filed by Chamberlain. This book is very well researched and fairly easy to read. Only about the first third is about the Little Round Top action while another third is devoted to what happened to the leading characters after the battle. The last third is mostly statistics, while if correct, represent a great deal of work to organize. For a person interested in this particular action at Gettysburg this book can be rewarding. However, it is fairly dry for anyone looking for dramatization of the action.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. Firm Thumbs UpBy Joan B. Tough to write a book with differing accounts of what happened way back when. "Stand Firm" does a fine job separating what makes sense with legend and fiction. It dissects why certain versions of the 20th Maine's Little Round Top battle are taken as gospel even though there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. I was suprised to learn how much "Killer Angels"/the movie "Gettysburg" was fictionalized; and "Stand Firm" author Desjardin makes it clear that "Killer Angels" did not pass itself off as being all fact-based. Similar to the Hollywood versions of the Alamo. "Stand Firm" did not dampen my enthusiasm for the Little Round Top/Gettysburg battle story, Joshua Chamberlain's life or the campaigns of the 20th Maine; in fact, I have even a better appreciation for them. I toured the Gettysburg battlefield, including Little Round Top once and it whetted my appetite to go back again with this fresh perspective of how it really was.⁰ of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Edwin G. Herrickvery Good book

Fought amid rocks and trees, in thick blinding smoke, and under exceedingly stressful conditions, the battle for the southern slope of Little Round Top on July 2, 1863 stands among the most famous and crucial military actions in American history, one of the key engagements that led to the North's victory at Gettysburg. In this powerfully narrated history, Maine historian Tom Desjardin tells the story of the 20th Maine Regiment, the soldiers who fought and won the battle of Little Round Top. This engaging work is the culmination of years of detailed research on the experiences of the soldiers in that regiment, telling the complete story of the unit in the Gettysburg Campaign, from June 21 through July 10, 1863. Desjardin uses more than seventy first-hand accounts to tell the story of this campaign in critical detail. He brings the personal experiences of the soldiers to life, relating the story from both sides and revealing the actions and feelings of the men from Alabama who tried, in vain, to seize Little Round Top. Indeed, ranging from the lowest ranking private to the highest officers, this book explores the terrible experiences of war and their tragic effect. Following the regiment through the campaign enables readers to understand fully the soldiers' feelings towards the enemy, towards citizens of both North and South, and towards the commanders of the two armies. In addition, this book traces the development of the legend of Gettysburg, as veterans of the fight struggle to remember, grasp, and memorialize their part in the largest battle ever fought on the continent. With a new preface and updated maps and illustrations, Stand Firm Ye Boys of Maine offers a compelling account of one of the most crucial small engagements of the Civil War.

"An excellent book--moving and powerful, with a strong narrative line and interesting analysis based on exhaustive research."--James McPherson"A well-researched and compelling story of the Mainers' fight on Little Round Top...Even those who do not consider themselves Civil War buffs will find the story of the 20th Maine at Gettysburg to be a fascinating tale...Highly recommended." --Journal of America's Military Past"A well-researched and compelling story...highly recommended." -- Journal of America's Military PastAbout the AuthorThomas A. Desjardin was born and raised in Maine and did his doctoral work in American History at the University of Maine. He has worked as an interpreter, giving programs on the Gettysburg battlefield for the National Park Service. The author of *These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory and Through A Howling Wilderness: Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec, 1775*, he is working on a TV documentary on Joshua Chamberlain.