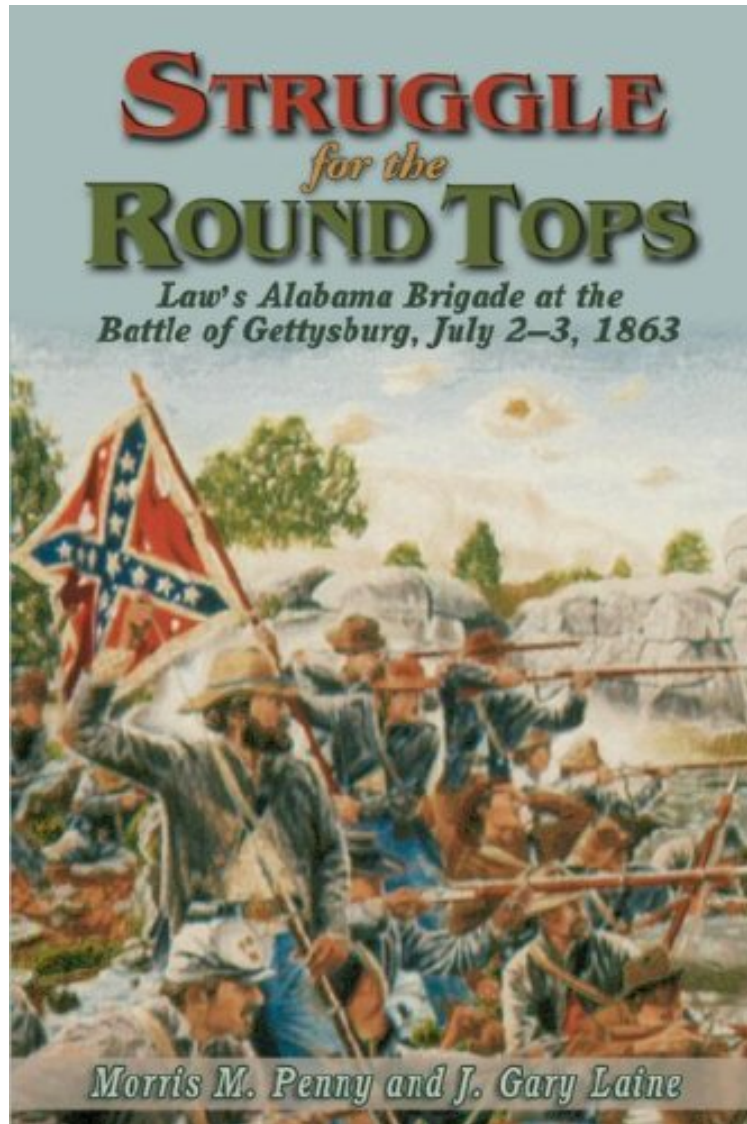


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love it! By Customer Morris Penny and Gary Laine have created one of the best books that I've ever read on the topic of Gettysburg. There are so many books written about the battle and so few of them are micro histories. This book takes us from the history of all of Brig. Gen. Evander Law's regiments (the 4th, 15th, 44th, 47th 48th Alabama) from a brief description of their roots to the battle itself. Next they focus on July 2nd which covers several chapters and then the action on July 3rd. Everyone remembers Pickett's Charge but very few recall that on July 3rd the Union army tried to smash the Confederate right flank with an assault. Law's men beat back Union horsemen trying to get into Lee's flank and rear. Paine and Penny do a great job describing the action and exposing the reader to a lesser known part of the battlefield. The authors did a great job in researching their topic by using the first-hand accounts, primary sources and newspapers. It is truly an original work has few editing errors and is a good quick read. For those looking for a shorter but informative book this is the one for you! It is only 272 pages in length. My only disappointment about this book is the maps/photographs. The book has a great photographic section but one would like a few photos of the battlefield even if it is a color photo of Little Round Top as it stands today. Perhaps the authors weren't worried about reaching the Civil War novice or the average Civil War historian. But after reading over 200 Civil War publications in my life I found the lack of battlefield photography disappointing. I'm not saying that they needed a lot of photos just a few to supplement the ground that they describe in the text. Other than that I can find no faults with this work. It is excellent and supplements Laine and Penny's earlier work on Law's Alabama Brigade. I love both books and encourage you to read them both. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The Round Tops - My Personal Interest By Carolina Jim I had the pleasure of visiting in the home of co-author Morris Penny. My wife and I deeply appreciated Morris and his wife visiting overnight with us in South Carolina and his speaking to our SCV Camp in Winnsboro, S.C. We discussed the background of my g-g-uncle, COL James W. Jackson, commander of the 47th Alabama, and his "collapse" during the early stages of the battle and other factors in COL Jackson's life, along with information on the 47th's adjutant William H. Keller, my g-grandfather. I toured the field of battle and this book is the better of all books I have read and studied on the great battle at Gettysburg. I give the book a firm 5-stars in all aspects and its overall fairness to both sides of the conflict. A "must-read" book for any serious student of the conflict. Strongly suggest their other book "Law's Alabama Brigade..."

Morris M. Penny and J. Gary Laine have produced a compelling story of Law's Alabama Brigade's attempt to wrest the Round Tops from Federal hands. In July 1863, Evander McIver Law, age 26, was one of Robert E. Lee's most promising generals. His brigade of Alabamians shared the Army of Northern Virginia's sense of invincibility. After a grueling 25-mile march to the battlefield, Law's men made a valiant three-hour effort to gain control of the high ground on the Federal right. *Struggle for the Round Tops* describes the vicious fighting around Devil's Den, in the Devil's Kitchen, and the heartbreaking repulse from Little Round Top. Law's Alabamians participated in the defense of the Confederate right on July 3 and delighted in unhorsing a number of Federal troopers in Farnsworth's charge. Two days after it arrived, the brigade retired from the field with the realization that the Federals had matched their own fighting ability. Law himself departed with the seeds of discord planted that would ultimately culminate in a devastating feud between himself and Longstreet. Much has been written about the conduct of the Confederate commanders on July 2. Some historians have suggested that Law deliberately disobeyed an order to launch his assault up the Emmitsburg Road. The authors examine the implications of Lee's orders and offer new insight into Hood's and Law's perspective of the situation and the leeway Hood assumed as a division commander.