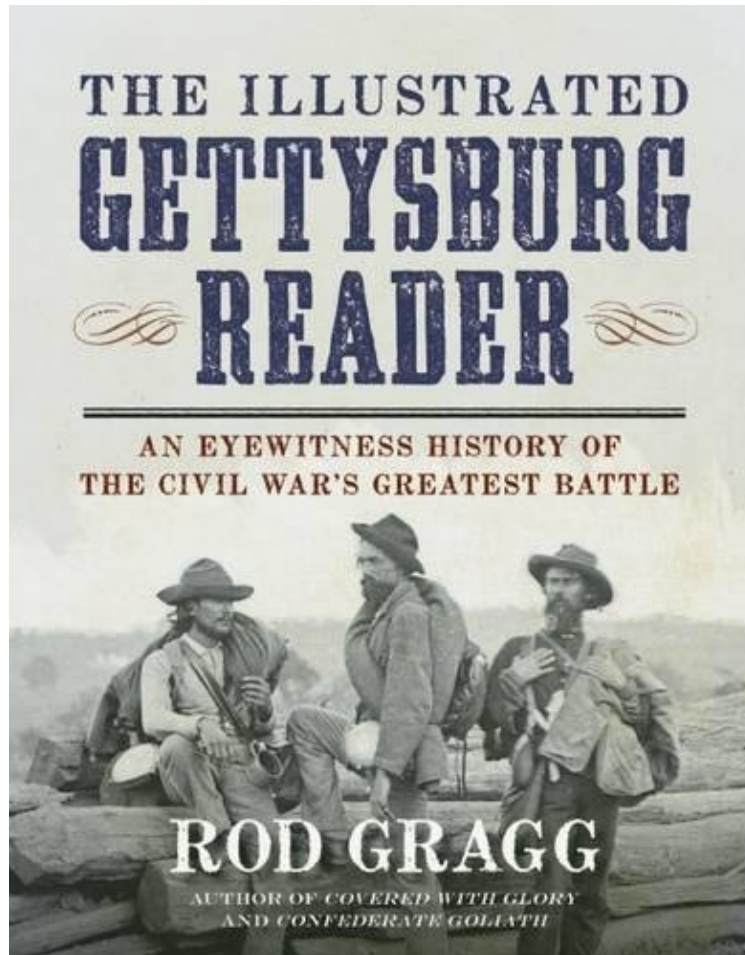


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book for readers of all levels! By Poor old dad My library of books on antebellum America, the American Civil War and reconstruction number in the hundreds. Through the years, there are many books I've picked up, began reading and then shelved them, wondering why I bought the book in the first place. THIS BOOK IS NOT ONE OF THEM! The book is very readable and has a style unlike others: it begins telling part of the story and then breaks into a "first person" account or letter. The unique thing is, this is done without detracting from the flow of the story. I do have a very minor quibble and that is the word illustrated in the title leads one to believe the book to have many pictures, etc. There are illustrations, but mainly smaller pen/ink drawings and at

best, only 1/8th page size, every 2 or 3 or 4 pages. But I found the notations under the drawings to be very readable and useful to the story line (I'm not delving into the storyline, as it is about the Gettysburg campaign). The quibble would not take away anything from my recommendation to read this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. History, Amen By Firestone Great read. In time to visit Gettysburg in the 150th year celebration.... This book brought tears to my eyes when I read the letters that soldiers wrote to their loved ones at home. Col. Joshua Chamberlain stood out as a hero for the Union as did Gen. Robert E. Lee for the Confederacy. I highly recommend this book. Reading this book inspired me to visit more battlefields to learn about each particular battle and to honor both sides for their commitment to their cause. Not too many pictures but "illustrated" can mean word pictures as well. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must for Civil War Buffs By jjflash15 Having read all the Schaara novels about the civil war, I was most interested to read the personal experiences of people who actually participated in the battle of Gettysburg. This is such a monumental turning point in American history that you want to know what the participants thought and felt. The Illustrated Gettysburg Reader puts you there and expresses those thoughts and feelings in the vernacular of the 1860's with its heroism, gore, and romantic valor. It is a truly memorable book that I will treasure in my library for the rest of my days. It brings those 3 days of 150 years ago to life.

One hundred and fifty years after the Battle of Gettysburg, the words of the soldiers and onlookers present for those three fateful days still reverberate with the power of their courage and sacrifice. The Illustrated Gettysburg Reader: An Eyewitness History of the Civil War's Greatest Battle gathers letters, journals, articles and speeches from the people who lived through those legendary three days. Tied together with narrative by historian Rod Gragg and illustrated with a wealth of photographs and images, The Illustrated Gettysburg Reader will transport you to the battlefield, immersing you in the emotional intensity of the struggle of brother against brother for the future of the United States of America. "Here they are penetrating the heart of a hostile country leaving their homes beyond broad rivers and the largest of the enemies armies while in front of them is gathering all of resistance that can be obtained by a power fruitful of every element of military power."—Confederate soldier T.G. Pollock on the 30th of June, 1863, the day before the Battle of Gettysburg

From Booklist July 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the greatest battle fought on American soil, so one can expect an avalanche of books, articles, and essays that "celebrate" an anniversary that should more properly be mourned. The photographs provided here are still striking, but most have been seen before. What gives this work power, intimacy, and poignancy is the collection of eyewitness accounts that proceed chronologically from the prelude to the three-day battle that altered the course of the Civil War. A British military observer describes Robert E. Lee in reverential terms, noting his dignity and the devotion of his soldiers. Lee himself writes a letter justifying his risky invasion of the North. A Union soldier speculates that Southern independence might be inevitable. Confederate General James Longstreet recalls his efforts to dissuade Lee from the frontal attack on the Union center. Finally, the climactic charge led by George Pickett is described from multiple perspectives. This is an excellent addition to Civil War collections. --Jay Freeman About the Author A former journalist, historian Rod Gragg is director of the Center for Military and Veterans Studies at Coastal Carolina University, where he also serves as an adjunct professor of history. His works have earned the Fletcher Pratt Award, the James I. Robertson Award and other honors, and have been selected for the Book-of-the-Month Club, the History Book Club and the Military History Book Club.