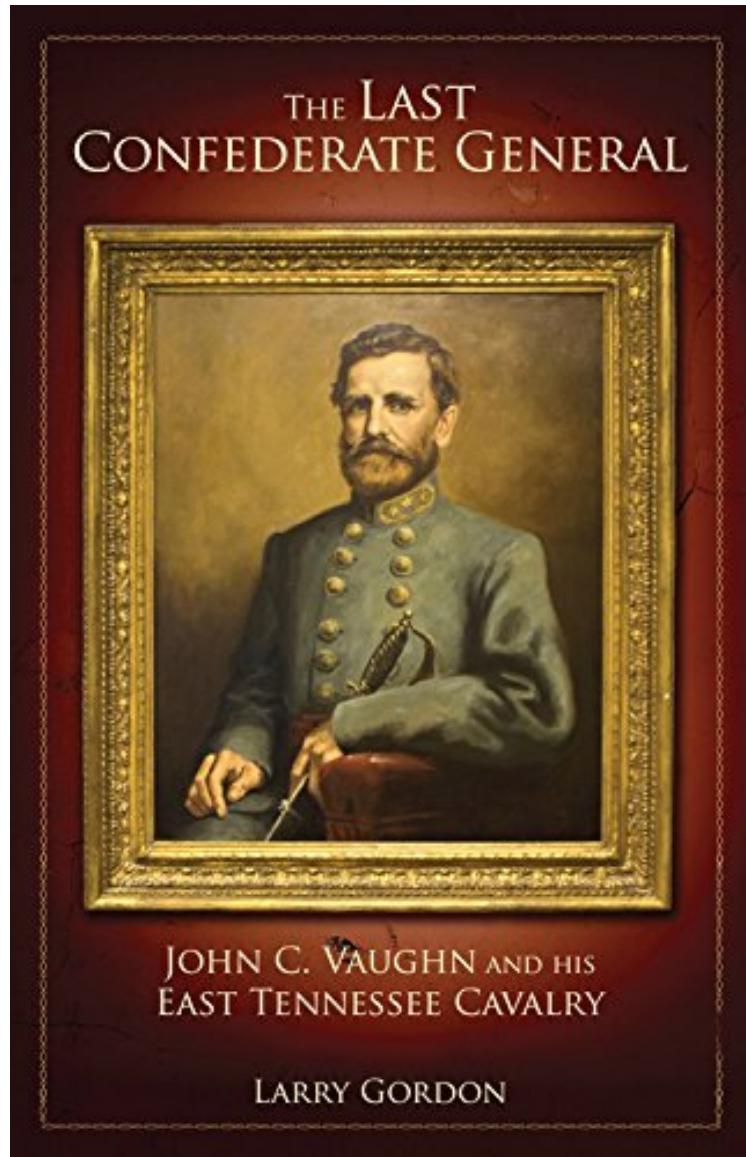


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are often steeped in the great works of Shelby Foote, the Shiara's, and a host of America's best historians who have focused on one of the most dramatic and precarious eras of United States history for almost a century and a half. Often the value of their works is found as much in the humanity, the details, and the realities of the struggle that tell a student as much about the nature of the conflict as strategic overviews. In this respect, when an author follows a new character and explores a new vein in that complex national disaster, it is doubly rewarding. Often an author will choose fiction as the literary form to inform of the personal consequences of an event because documentation of private affairs is hard to find and seldom complete. When a Civil War historian manages to display new characters, new viewpoints, and new theaters, with a gifted grasp of the humans involved, and do it with the accuracy and evidence one looks for in formal historical studies, that historian has accomplished something difficult and rare. That credit goes to Larry Gordon in his work, "The Last Confederate General". He manages to follow a complicated man in a complex personal and military world and make it not only informative but rewarding, both for its overview of a rarely studied field of the war and for its perceptions of a distinguished character trying to serve his family and his society in the middle of a cataclysm. This study makes a very worthy contribution to the genre. I give it four-and-a-half stars just because I have yet to read the perfect book. David Brown 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO EVERYONE WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST ...By david vaughn "WOW" WHAT A VERY INTERESTING BOOK - CONTAINS MORE FACTS THAN THE HISTORY BOOKS I WAS TOLD TO READ IN HISTORY CLASS AT SCHOOL. GEN. VAUGHN IS AN ANCESTOR AND WANTING TO LEARN EVEN MORE ABOUT SUCH AN IMPORTANT MAN THAT IS VERY RARELY WRITTEN ABOUT. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO EVERYONE WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN THE CIVIL WAR. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Last Confederate General: John C. Vaughn and His East Tennessee Cavalry By Fred Schildkamp Outstanding book of a man that led an interesting life. With his family background as a start the book follows his experiences. The author did a great job in researching for the book. General Vaughn suffered personally as many did but with his family being taken hostage and eventually released with the exception of his father. The author did a very good job in bringing this man's life to view. I feel it is a must for anyone who is interested in the Civil War or about the life of an interesting man.

John Crawford Vaughn was one of the most famous men in Tennessee in the mid-nineteenth century. He was the first man to raise an infantry regiment in the state--and one of the very last Confederate generals to surrender. History has not been kind to Vaughn, who finally emerges from the shadows in this absorbing assessment of his life and military career. Making use of recent research and new information, Larry Gordon's biography follows Vaughn to Manassas, Vicksburg and other crucial battles; it shows him as a close friend of Jefferson Davis, and Davis's escort during the final month of the war. And it considers his importance as one of the few Confederate generals to return to Tennessee after Reconstruction, where he became President of the State Senate. Gordon examines Vaughn's (hitherto unknown) location on the field of crucial battles; his multiple wounds; the fact that his wife and family, captured by Union soldiers, were the only family members of a Confederate general incarcerated as hostages during the Civil War; and the effect of this knowledge on his performance as a military commander. Finally, the book is as valuable for its view of this little understood figure as it is for the light it casts on the culture of his day.

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