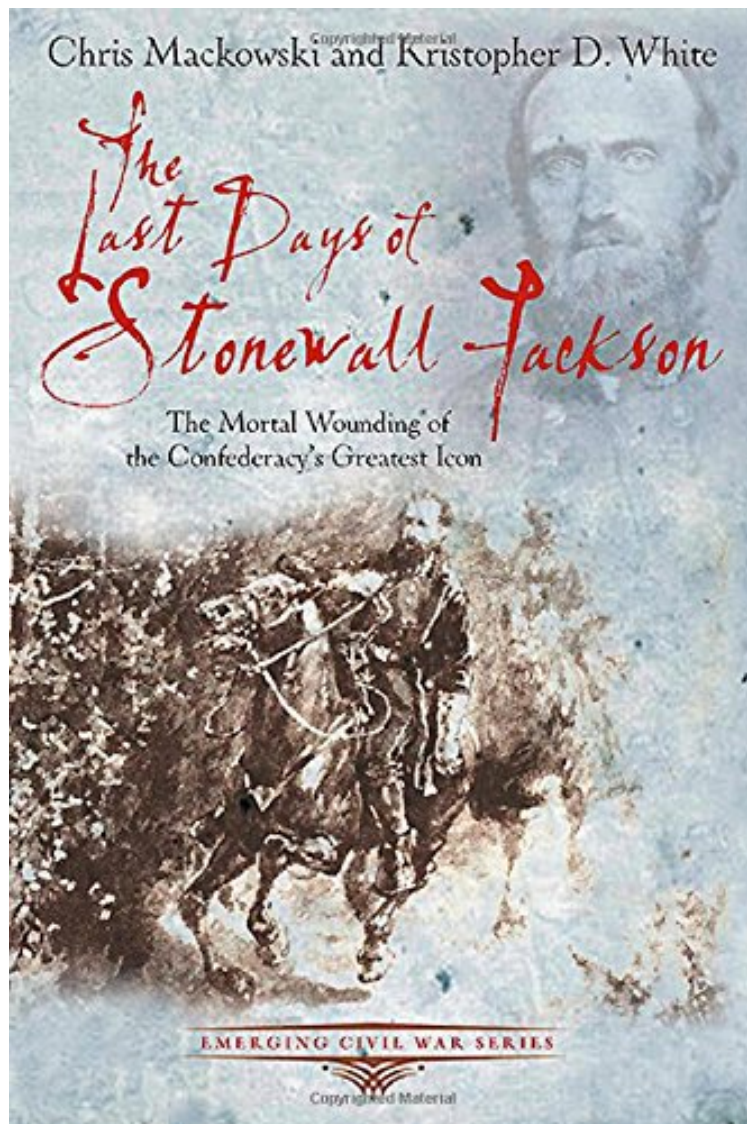


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Breathing LifeBy ReaderAmerican history held little meaning for me as a child; I simply learned my dates and places and regurgitated them. As I grew older, the errors and fallacies I was taught began to glare in the light of knowledge. Then, I moved to D.C. and the names and places of towns, battles and people became three-dimensional. Mackowski and White add another dimension with *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson*. This book brings the reader into 1863 and breathes life into American history and, more importantly, the last days of Stonewall Jackson. No matter one's political or philosophical bent, the creative non-fiction writing allows the reader to know and understand, if not agree with, the historical and personal happenings. The writing reads as if one is curled on the couch and watching a movie unfold. The choice of dropping the reader immediately into the military push and orienting where in the push the troops are located creates a realism that, at once, engages and repels. Much like the proverbial train wreck, I wanted to be there, yet knew what was coming so I wanted to move away - cover my eyes. That kind of evocative writing, in what is basically a history book, speaks to the depth of research and knowledge these gentlemen have performed and possess. I would offer that this might be considered as a text for an American History course.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson*By Denise Peterson"*The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson*" provides such a descriptive account of the circumstances surrounding Jackson's wounding and eventual death that I found myself moved to tears. I kept hoping that somehow he would survive when it was obvious he would not. The vivid accounts of those closest to Jackson enable the reader to truly appreciate how this man's life and death came to affect so many people. I thought that Mackowski and White did a thorough job of answering the questions that readers would want to know. What happened to Jackson's horse? Where was Jackson's arm buried? What became of the people that were with Jackson in his last few days? The authors addressed the credibility of the myths surrounding Jackson's legend and challenged the "what if" factor. What if Jackson had survived? Would it have affected the outcome of the war? It's a book I would definitely recommend for anyone interested in the Civil War and in history in general.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great ReadBy Van A. ColleyVery interesting read. You will learn things not found in the history books. I recommend this book to all interested in the legendary STONEWALL!

"May 1863. The Civil War was in its third spring, and Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas Jonathan Jackson stood at the peak of his fame. He had arisen from obscurity to become "Old Stonewall," adored across the South and feared and respected throughout the North. On the night of May 2, however, just hours after Jackson executed the most audacious maneuver of his career and delivered a crushing blow against an unsuspecting Union army at Chancellorsville, disaster struck. *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson* recounts the events of that fateful night—considered one of the most pivotal moments of the war—and the tense vigil that ensued as Jackson struggled with a foe even he could not defeat. From Guinea Station, where Jackson crosses the river to rest under the shade of the trees, the story follows Jackson's funeral and burial, the strange story of his amputated arm, and the creation and restoration of the building where he died (now known as the Stonewall Jackson Shrine). This newly revised and expanded second edition features more than 50 pages of fresh material, including almost 200 illustrations, maps, and eye-catching photos. New appendices allow readers to walk in Jackson's prewar footsteps through his adopted hometown of Lexington, Virginia; consider the ways Jackson's memory has been preserved through monuments, memorials, and myths; and explore the misconceptions behind the Civil War's great What-If: "What if Stonewall had survived his wounds?" With the engaging prose of master storytellers, Chris Mackowski and Kristopher White make *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson* a must-read for Civil War novices and buffs alike."

"If you are a student of this period of American history, or someone wishing to learn more about this tragic period, then this book is definitely a must-read. This book comes highly recommended!" (Steven Hancock, *Civil War Diary* blog)"This is a book to give and a book to own. While a fast and fun read, it is full of information and a learning experience." (Jim Durney, *Suncoast Civil War Roundtable*)From the AuthorI'm so delighted to have this new edition available, with 60 pages of new material, including new appendices on Jackson in Lexington, Jackson in memory, and Jackson memorials and monuments. There's also an appendix that explores some of the assumptions behind the Civil War's greatest "What If": "What if Stonewall hadn't been shot at Chancellorsville?" We've included updated maps courtesy of cartographer Hal Jespersen, and dozens of new pictures.