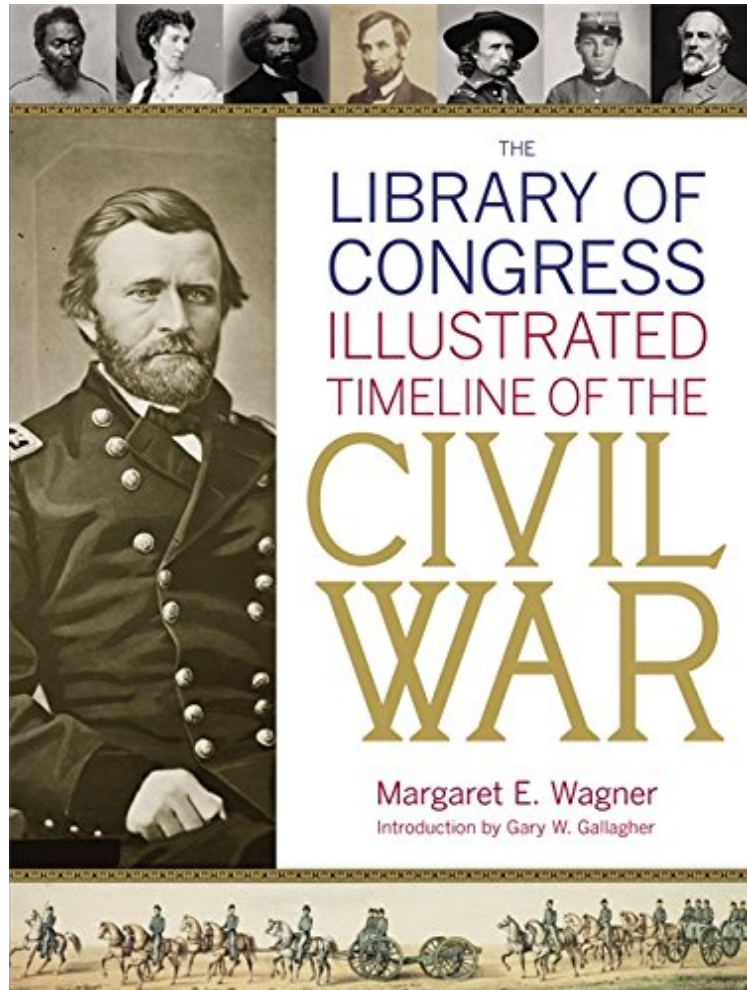


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terrible war - most people want to forget - or remember only their version. The chronological stories are about not just the battles, but of the rest of the country and how it was affected and how people in states and towns far from the battles were caught up in it too. Over the years I have read several books on the Civil War, from personal diaries and day-by-day battle accounts, to reconstructed white-washed versions. This one book equals all of them put together for its breath and depth, it's honesty and evenhandedness.

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I purchased a number of books on touring Civil War sites as we are planning trips to do so this year and next, during the final sesquicentennial dates. It's difficult to know which will be the "best" resources and I suspect that many if not all will compliment the others. The sites books have information concisely packaged. The Road Trip Books bring an orientation to the scenes as they exist today (as well as historical perspective) and the Day-By Day books allow another method of quick reference. I needed the maps as well to remain oriented. With all of them, I can find not only the immediate point of interest, but also the context into which the events will fit. If I had to select just one or two to concentrate upon, I would be hard pressed to decide. I am in the process of learning as much of the information as will stick. It may seem like a lot of duplicative effort, but repetition and evolving context are what helps me learn and I want to learn, to appreciate what I will be viewing. I also have purchased Shelby Foote's anthology to re-read as I had misplaced those volumes purchased when I was a kid. After seeing him in Ken Burn's The Civil War, I remembered how witty and enjoyable he is. All of this is available on

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What We Know about the Civil War; and The Union War.