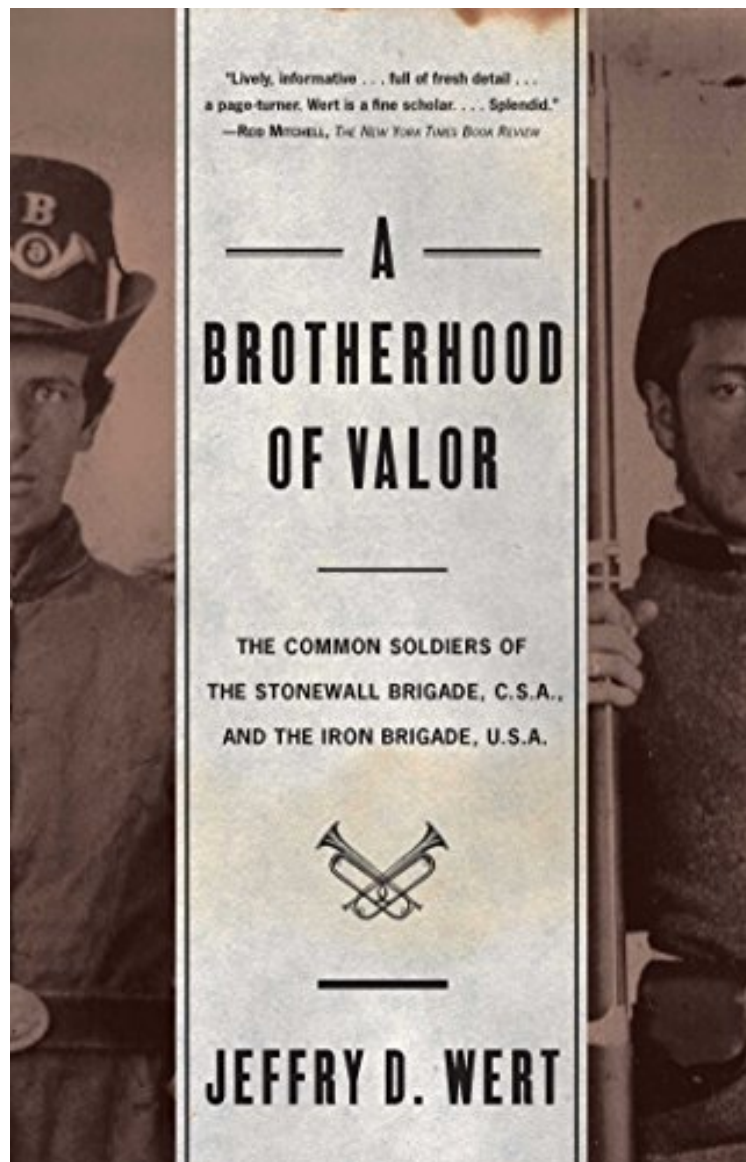


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A worthy addition to these famed brigades historyVon Joe OwenI have read alot of articles, books and biographies of the soldiers both officer and enlisted in these famed brigades and I must say that this book is a welcome addition to the story of these famous and tragic brigades of the Civil War. Jeffry Wert does a good job describing the formation of these brigades during the beginning months of the Civil War and both brigades early losses and victories. Named after Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, the Stonewall brigade is famous for fighting ferociously after a 15-25 mile march often in barefeet. Gen. Jackson drove his commanders and men hard, yet as long as they won battles they didn't mind Jackson's sometimes ruthless behavior. Once Jackson was killed at Chancellorsville in 1863, the brigade never fully recovered to the extent of what they used to be. The Iron Brigade of the Union was just as tenacious and fierce in battle as the Stonewall brigade. The famed black hats had won their enemies respect due to standing firm in the heat of battle. Yet despite heavy losses this brigade remained strong until the end of the war. This book analyzes the men and commanders of both brigades and gives descriptions of where the units were in the battles where they fought. Although not the definitive account of the brigades it is a worthy addition to any Civil War Scholar/Enthusiasts library.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. minor factual errors detract from a good bookVon Ein KundeThis is a pretty good book but it seems to be filled with a number of minor errors. Here are some I noticed: - 2nd WVI Co. C is listed as the "Grant County Guards" (actually the Grant County Greys) -it's implied that 2nd WVI received Springfield rifles in Feb 1862; they actually received Lorenz rifles which they kept through Gettysburg. -An anecdote about Gibbon and his requiring the men to wear gaiters says he lifted this requirement after he found his horse outfitted with the gaiters one morning; actually the requirement stayed but the gaiters mostly disappeared once the men went on the march. Some of the men were still wearing them at Gettysburg however. I think the problem is that the author relied on previous historians' work rather than first-hand accounts for a lot of his information. Again these are minor errors, but the kind of stuff that will drive a Civil War buff or reenactor crazy! In the author's favor, the book is extensively footnoted so it's easy to figure out where his info (or misinformation) came from. Apart from the errors, a lot of quotes from the soldiers are snippets; partial sentences, etc. I would have been happier with longer first-person passages. The idea of comparing the 2 brigades is a great one but there are probably better and more accurate histories of each brigade separately.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very enjoyable dual unit chronicleVon richiethehawk1@yahoo.comI thoroughly enjoyed this book! I am something of a Civil War buff, but I've never been a big fan of the "unit histories", preferring narative history instead. This book bridges that gap. The story of these two most famous brigades of the Civil War, one Union, one Confederate, is told more as a narative than a unit history. There's plenty here though to interest those who do like the stories of the individual soldiers, regiments and the brigades they belonged to. What Mr. Wert is best at is giving the reader the feel of what it was like to belong to one of these brigades, tracing their structure and commanders from the start of the war till both brigades were so decimated by casualties that they both almost literally faded away. I'd recomend it to anyone interested in the Civil War who has a basic knowledge of the War. I've read a couple of Mr Wert's other books....his biographies of Custer and Longstreet. If you liked them, you'll like A Brotherhood of Valor.

KurzbeschreibungThis unusual and moving chronicle covers some of the most important battles of the Civil WarSharpsburg (Antietam), Gettysburg, and Chancellorsvillethrough the stories of the two brigades who confronted each other on the bloody fields of battle.Drawing on original source material, Jeffry Wert reconstructs the drama and terrors of war through the eyes of the ordinary men who became members of two of the most respected fighting units of their respective armies, the Stonewall Brigade of the Confederacy and the Iron Brigade of the Union. There are tales of grueling marches and almost unbearable deprivations; eyewitness accounts of ferocious fighting and devastating losses on both sides; and portraits of acts of courage and valor performed by soldiers and officers who, despite the difficulties they faced, remained dedicated to the cause for which they were fighting..deConfederate General Thomas J. Jackson was arguably the greatest commander of the Civil War. Yet "Stonewall" Jackson owed much of his success to the troops who served under him. He eagerly gave them their due: "You cannot praise these men of my brigade too much; they have fought, marched, and endured more than I even thought they would." The Stonewall Brigade, composed mainly of Virginians from the Shenandoah Valley, proved its mettle at First Manassas and never let up-- even after its esteemed leader was shot down at Chancellorsville. Their equally elite counterparts in the Army of the Potomac were known as the Iron Brigade, hardy westerners drawn from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan. By focusing on these two groups, historian Jeffry Wert retells the story of the Civil War's eastern theater as it was experienced by these ordinary men from North and South. His battle descriptions are riveting, especially when he covers Antietam: Three times the Georgians charged towards the guns, and three times they were repelled. Union infantry west of the battery ripped apart the attacker's flank, and the artillerists unleashed more canister.... Finally, the Georgians could withstand the punishment no longer, and as more Union infantry piled into the Cornfield, Hood's wrecked division retreated towards West Woods and Dunker Church. When asked later where his command was,

Hood replied, "Dead on the field." But the book is perhaps most notable for the way in which it describes the everyday hardships befalling each side. They often lacked food, shoes, blankets, and other military necessities. When the war began, the men believed deeply in their conflicting causes. Before it was over, writes Wert, "the war itself became their common enemy." Wert is slowly but surely gaining a reputation as one of the finest popular historians writing about the Civil War; *A Brotherhood of Valor* will undoubtedly advance his claim. --John J. Miller *Pressestimmen* Reid Mitchell *The New York Times Book Lively, informative...full of fresh detail...a page-turner. Wert is a fine scholar....Splendid.* James Polk *The Philadelphia Inquirer Offers fresh details and a uniquely close focus....Offers indelible evidence of how war consumes its participants, no matter their training, dedication, or enthusiasm for the cause that made them fight.* James L. Pate *The Washington Times An intimate, unflinching portrait of some of the best fighting men of the war....A remarkable accounting of the price of valor.* Noel Fisher *Civil War Book Leaves the reader with a profound sense of the soldiers' common experiences, of camp life, drill, the sometimes inexplicable demands of officers, hunger, exhaustion, fear, rage, comradeship, and above all combat, that transcended boundaries of North and South and bound these men together.*