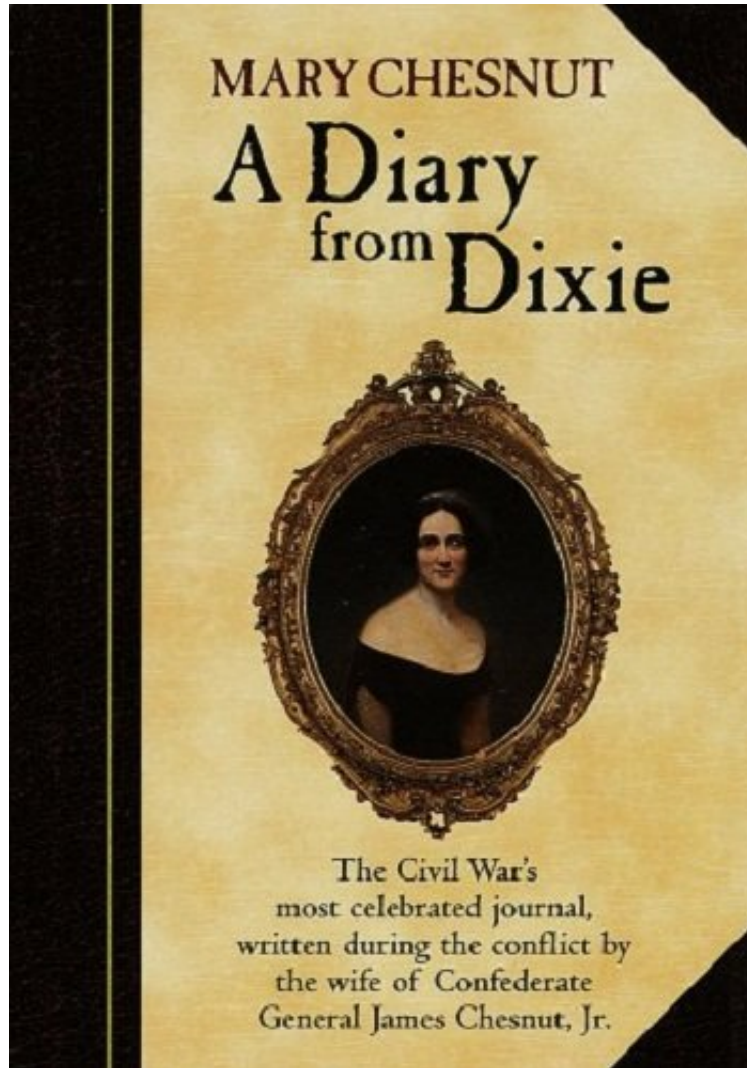


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Von Mary Boykin Chestnut : A Diary From Dixie (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Diary From Dixie (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. incomplete version of famous diaryVon RissaNot to disparage what the first reviewer of this book has written (certainly I always thought "Diary from Dixie" was the real thing) but I discovered while reading "Mary Chestnut's Civil War" (edited by C. Vann Woodward, Yale University 1981) that, in the first place, the material that is exerpted in "Diary from Dixie" was actually written by Mary Chestnut between 1881-1884, nearly 20 years after the Civil War ended. Secondly, "Diary from Dixie" (which was published 15 years after Chestnut died) was put together and edited

by two other women who were under contract to their publishing company to produce a heavily abridged, selectively-edited volume of about 130,000 words in length (Chestnut's 1880's "Diary" is more than three times that in length). Woodward maintains that the editors were "concerned that Chestnut passages out of line with the current Southern version of the Confederate legend be deleted. Mrs. Witherspoon's death is mentioned, for example, but with no hint that her slaves had anything to do with it." Mary Chestnut is so interesting that it only makes sense to read her work as she intended it to be read and for that you need "Mary Chestnut's Civil War." Out-of-print now but also worth reading is "The Private Mary Chestnut: the Unpublished Civil War Diaries" (Oxford University 1984) which is the actual journal text that Chestnut wrote during the war (and on which she based her 1880's "Diary"). Note, however, that this book only covers the entries made during 1861 and 1865 (the original journals for 1862, 1863 and 1864 have not survived).

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Von Ein Kunde
The keeper of this diary writes in an intimate and honest manner about herself and those around her, and about Southern hopes for victory or at least peaceful co-existence. The diary entries draw you in to her world. You feel like you are chatting with her in the parlor or at her desk as she relates the events of the day, what famous figures she dined or went riding with, etc. Very enjoyable and poignant to read. This was a brave woman who did her best under consistently deteriorating circumstances. I found her comments about her marriage particularly surprising and honest given the standards and social mores of the time. Her husband seems emotionally remote and she chides him for being so. Definitely not given to "hero worshipping," the author gives her honest opinions - good and bad - of just about everyone around her. I recommend this book, even if you aren't a Civil War buff.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Civil War from the female perspective.
Von MelloCello
At times, the outdated prose gets a little difficult to wade through, but overall this is a fascinating account of life during this turbulent time in our history. Another reviewer mentioned "The Private Mary Chesnut: Unpublished Civil War Diaries", which seems to be Mrs. Chesnut's actual diaries kept during the war and offer a much more vivid picture. I wasn't aware that "Diary From Dixie" was a rewrite until now. I did enjoy it immensely (when I'd look up from reading it seemed odd that it was 1999 and not 1865!) and look forward to also reading the previously unpublished version.

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Synopsis The original diary of Mary Chesnut, an important work that was repeatedly quoted during the famous television documentary *The Civil War*, provides an insightful look into how the war affected the daily lives of the people of the South.