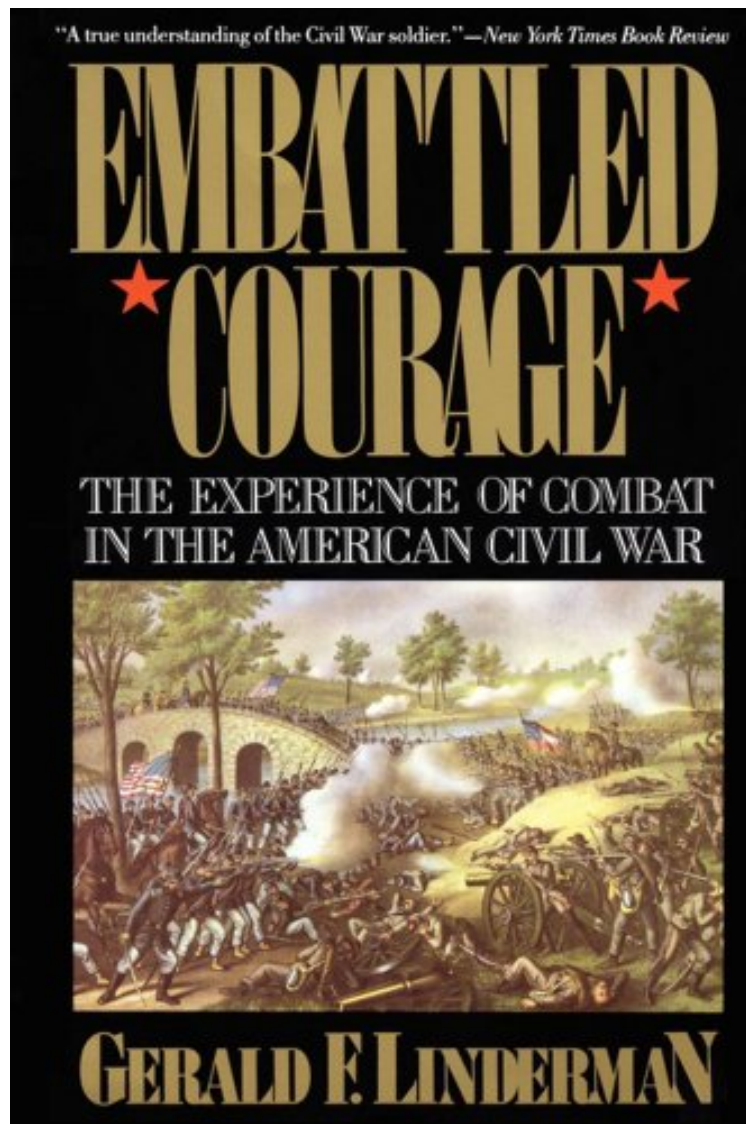


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excellent read on the uses of Courage in the C.W beyond Von Dan Rheingans (rheidan@bv.u.edu) This book is an exceptional read for those who want to explore the world of America during the Civil War period. It takes a look at why men fought the Civil War, what kind of uses the notion of Courage had for the men, what other values were important for those brave fellows, and discusses the disillusionment and reaction to the Civil War by its Veterans very nicely. (Which was the best part of the book in my opinion.) If you are a history person, I highly recommend this book! :)

Kurzbeschreibung Linderman traces each soldier's path from the exhilaration of enlistment to the disillusionment of battle to postwar alienation. He provides a rare glimpse of the personal battle that raged within soldiers then and now. From Publishers Weekly Linderman, history professor at the University of Michigan, describes the unreasonably high standards of morality prevalent in the nation at the start of the Civil War, citing for example a letter from General Custer assuring his wife that he has "not uttered a single oath, nor blasphemed, even in thought." According to Linderman, it was assumed on both sides that "the application of the moral values to the struggle would determine both the forms and the result of the war." By 1865 those soldiers who survived had learned otherwise. In this deep inquiry into the nature of courage (and cowardice) as defined by soldiers and civilians North and South, the author traces the breakdown of traditional values, the changing behavior of the soldiers and the "reconceptualization" of the war by veterans in their later years. Drawing on letters and memoirs, he reveals the common tendency of soldiers who became disillusioned during the fighting to experience an amazing reversion in postwar years to the blind idealism with which they originally went to war. Ironically, notes Linderman, the soldiers who went into the Spanish-American War carried the same values as those of 1861. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. Kurzbeschreibung Linderman traces each soldier's path from the exhilaration of enlistment to the disillusionment of battle to postwar alienation. He provides a rare glimpse of the personal battle that raged within soldiers then and now.