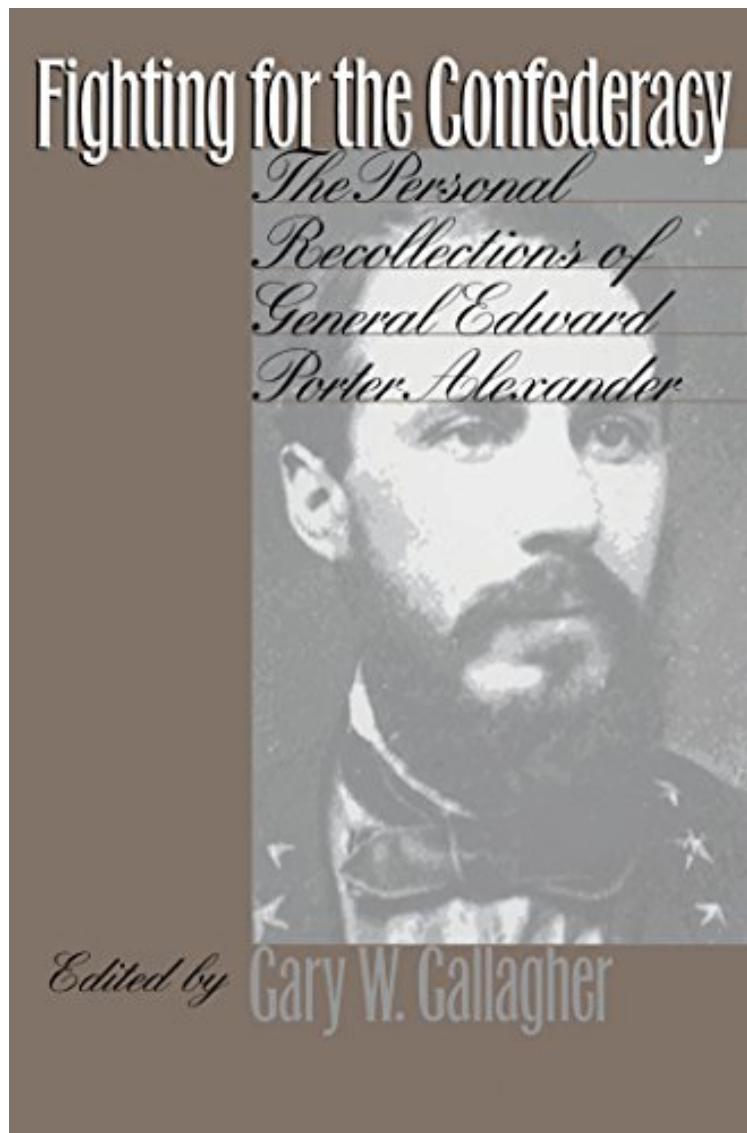


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Von The University of North Carolina Press : Fighting for the Confederacy: The Personal Recollections of General Edward Porter Alexander (Civil War America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fighting for the Confederacy: The Personal Recollections of General Edward Porter Alexander (Civil War America):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This Is One Fantastic Book! Von Ein Kunde E.P. Alexander, Longstreet and Lee's Chief of Artillery, wrote two books. This book, his first, was written while Alexander was in Central America, without access to the Official Records, etc. Thus, he wrote primarily from memory. Alexander started the work at the urgings of his children and did not intend the work to be published. It was meant for his family only. As a result, it is a very personal account of his life during the Civil War. He does go into detail regarding battles in which he participated and freely offers his opinions about various strategies, tactics and leaders. (If no one but his family was to read it, then there was no one to offend.) In his opinions Alexander comes across as scrupulously honest and straight-forward, not to mention intelligent. Later Alexander decided to write a 2nd book; and at first he used these recollections as the basis for that book (whose title I forget). He then gave up this tactic and wrote his 2nd book from "scratch". So now, Gary Gallagher has once again come to the rescue and pieced together Alexander's first writings - which is this particular book..... Overall, I found this to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable books I have read. It is very funny at times; then often sad. It contains much information about battles; and also insights into the leaders of those battles. But while his 2nd book is a strict military tract about the Civil War, this 1st book also gives the reader a "feel" for the people involved. It was a joy to read - one great book!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Finest personal memoir of the Civil War I have read Von Ein Kunde I think that as time goes by, Porter Alexander's personal memoirs, written for his family and thus very candid, will come to be seen as an outstanding work both of historical reminiscence and of 19th century writing. The Introduction, in which Alexander tells of some incidents from his boyhood, is worth the entire book. But, there is more. Alexander worked either as signals officer, ordnance officer or artillery commander for virtually everybody in the Army of Northern Virginia, including Beauregard, J.E. Johnston, Stonewall Jackson, Longstreet, and Lee. He participated in virtually every major battle. He has the rare ability to describe events in a fresh and modern manner, so that the reader is there with him in the thick of things. I can only imagine the thrill that the editor must have had when he found these papers at UNC in 1989. Alexander apparently wrote a more formal history of the Civil War published in 1907 with which I am not familiar. Although the frontispiece shows an unremarkable face, the writing shows the glowing intelligence and enthusiasm that must have impressed his superiors and led to his being given one responsible assignment after another. By being present, but a generation younger than the ANV leaders, he is able to give both intimate, but also critical pictures of them. This book is indispensable to anyone with an interest in the Civil War in the Eastern Theater. A true classic.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fine read Von Alan Cockrell Gen. Alexander's prose is surprisingly colorful. I reached for the book every spare minute I had. I especially enjoyed how he blended his personal experiences into a broader narrative of the entire war. I found myself looking forward to each anecdote and observation. He really makes the reader feel the presence of the moment and he describes the attitudes of the common Rebel soldier toward the "Cause" in better terms than I have ever read. I relished every detail--and there were many. I did get the distinct feeling that Alexander had a huge ego. He bragged on his own abilities and actions many times, and at the end he seemed to say that he could personally have changed the course of Reconstruction, if only he could have gotten a personal interview with Pres. Davis after the surrender. That was too far-fetched for me, but I greatly enjoyed the entire read. His descriptions of the various campaigns might be better understood by using another source of battlefield maps than the hand-drawn ones in his text.

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