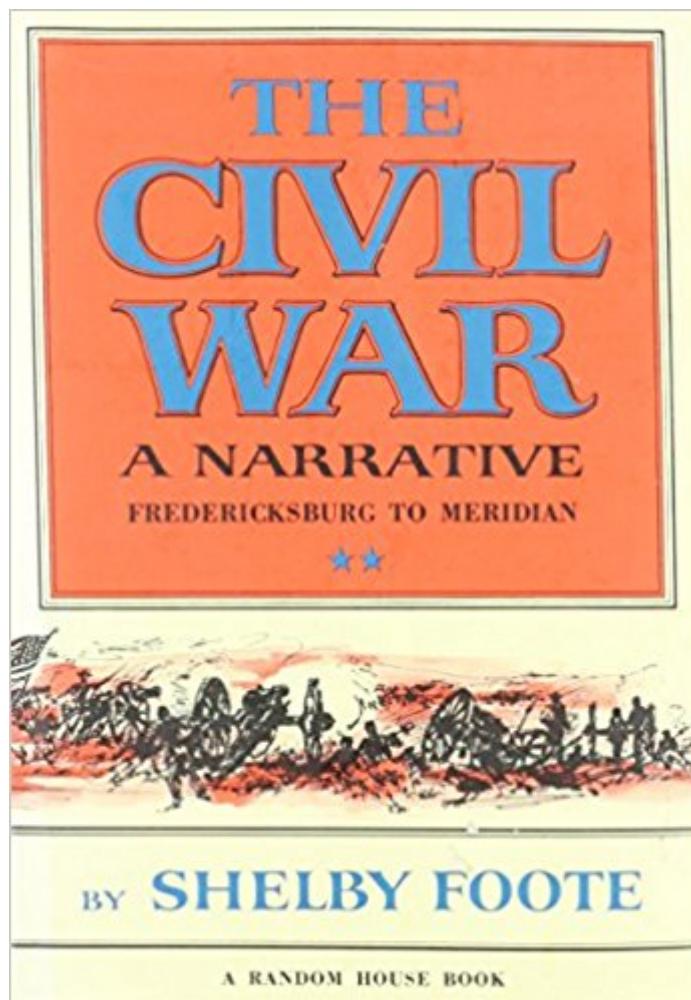


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explains how each major unit fought in each battle, and how the commanders reacted to the outcome. This volume covers the middle years of the war and the major battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga. It begins with Davis's tour of the Confederacy and ends with Grant's promotion to lieutenant general. Foote's narrative makes this book eminently readable. It is in no way difficult to read. The highly descriptive passages turn what could have been a dry academic account into an almost real experience. While it is fair to say that no one will read this book (or the entire trilogy) unless they are highly interested in the Civil War, it is important to note that this is not a work intended for only the most serious of history buffs. This book is designed for the causal reader, while containing so much information as to please the more serious. Strongly recommended.

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