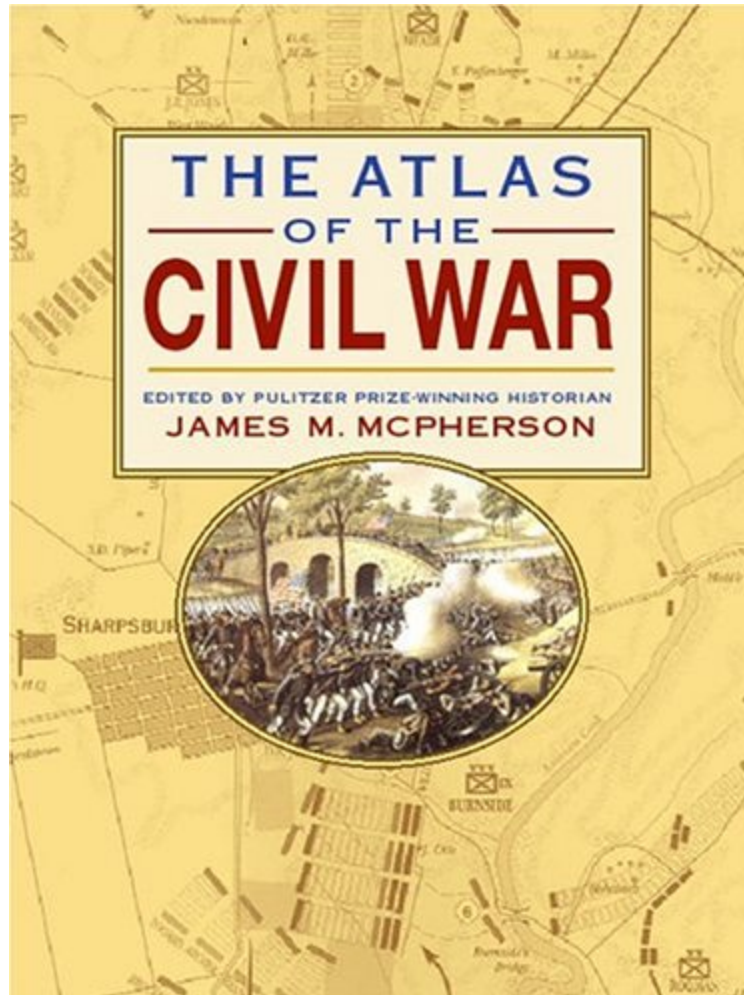


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From Booklist Pulitzer Prize-winning author McPherson is Edwards Professor of American History at Princeton. In addition to the prizewinning *Battle Cry of Freedom*, his books include *Struggle for Equality* and *Marching toward Freedom*. The contributors to *The Atlas of the Civil War* are academics and military-park historians. The 200 maps in this specialized atlas show troop movements (first and second positions, retreats), physical features, and the location of towns and counties. Clearly defined symbols indicate army hierarchies (corps, division, brigade), topographic features, and battle lines (encampments, siege lines, batteries). Thus, the reader gets a "comprehensive overview of the warfare which was destined to affect Americans for centuries." Arranged around the maps as sidebars and inserts are hundreds of photographs, eyewitness accounts, letters, and news clippings. The atlas is divided into five sections, each one highlighting a war year from 1861 to 1865. A typical example, the 1864 "Total War," begins with a full-page photograph of General Grant accompanied by a 1,200-word article that provides a context for the two dozen maps that follow. The writing is colorful and engaging. Also presented here is a double-page color lithograph of the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia. Since the pages measure 9 by 12 inches, the maps are fairly large. Line clarity, color, and detailing are excellent. The photos could almost stand alone as a photographic essay of the war. They strengthen the impact of the maps tremendously. For example, accompanying the map of the Spotsylvania Campaign is a photo of a dead Confederate soldier, captioned, "So devastating had been the Union fire that many of the Confederate dead lay in orderly rows, the alignment of their ranks perfectly preserved." The volume concludes with a brief bibliography and indexes of personal names and place-names. The four-volume *Encyclopedia of the Confederacy* [RBB F 1 94] contains 67 maps, most of them on military matters. But with a reasonable price of \$40, *The Atlas of the Civil War* is an excellent buy and will be valued by public and academic libraries serving serious Civil War researchers. About the Author James McPherson