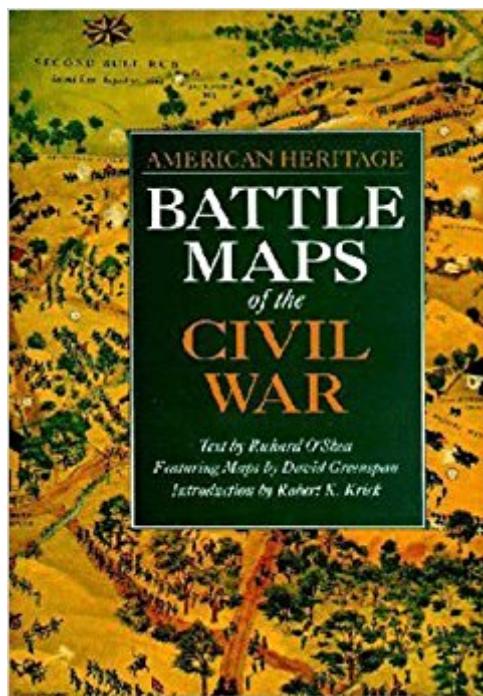


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Synopsis

This new collection gathers together in a handsome convenient format some of the most instructive, attractive, and historically valuable maps ever made relating to seventeen major Civil War battles. The maps are supplemented throughout with other illustrations, including historically accurate, epic paintings by the celebrated artist Don Troiani. The centerpiece of the collection is a series of pictorial maps by David Greenspan which first appeared on the pages of Bruce Catton's 1960 classic *The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War*. These full-color maps combine an artist's vision with the cartographer's discipline. The reader also sees battlefields from the perspective of aerial photographs provided by the U.S. High Altitude Photography Program, which convey battlefield topography in a way rarely available to the Civil War historian. The collection also features maps adapted from the 1959 two-volume *West Point Atlas of American Wars*, and the West Point Special Collections Library has provided a treasure trove of its historic battle maps, several never before published, which were drawn at the time of the battles or shortly thereafter. They offer us a reopened door on relics of a past which few readers can have known still exists. With its invaluable maps and concise text about each battle, *Battle Maps of the Civil War* is an important new addition to our understanding of the major campaigns of the war.

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Mapping the Civil War is a cottage industry that began during the war and has prospered ever since.

In official reports and popular histories issued after the war, numerous maps gave military movement and battles a geographical clarity and purpose they often lacked for the soldiers fighting. In this useful compendium of maps, largely made up of David Greenspan's pictorial maps originally drawn for Bruce Catton's *American Heritage Illustrated History of the Civil War* (1960) and various hand-drawn and -printed wartime maps, the importance of maps in military history and in the history of the war becomes evident. The maps cover 15 major battles/campaigns, from Bull Run to Nashville--each introduced by a serviceable description of the engagement and supplemented by illustrations. Still, this book offers little that is new or surprising. Recommended only for those libraries that lack the Catton volume and *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War* (1978) or other reliable collections of Civil War maps.- Randall M. Miller, St. Joseph's Univ., PhiladelphiaCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Includes many maps that were created for American Heritage in 1951: aerial photos, a summary of each battle/campaign, and brief biographies of Civil War generals. (Best Books for Young Adult Readers)

The book is very good, but it is also a nostalgia piece for me. I recall my first dim inklings of what the Civil War was as a young boy poring over the American Heritage maps from Bruce Catton's reference work.

This is a wonderful book about the Civil War. The battle maps are evocative and compelling if not totally accurate to scale, especially for the young reader.

These maps are similar to the maps in most of the books one reads on the history of the Civil War. there are, however, good graphics and maps that can help one understand the lay of the land for the battles that took place during the war. The maps can, at some times be a bit difficult to read, probably due to the reproduction process. I am glad to have this book as a reference in my library but continue to look for the maps that truly fulfill my needs.

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I grew up with American Heritage,Civil War. Had to have this book. These maps fueled my imagination, inspired my detail drawings, and not to mention, this history bug I've still got.I'd

recommend this to anyone who wants to get a literal perspective of battles, from David Greenspans illustrations. Great book childre and adult alike. Mike T.

As a Civil War Historian, one with a degree in the field and not one who has not done the academic work required and need to earn a degree in this field. I found the book very useful in a number of ways. First the maps that are from the "West Point Atlas of American Wars" are outstanding in providing over all views of the campaigns. David Greenspans maps are a must to giving anyone a view of how the battles developed and were fought. Rate this a must for your Civil War book shelf.

Wonderful book. I purchased this as a replacement for my home library. Great item for any history or geography buff.

If you want to learn something about the Civil War battles, this is the book to have.

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