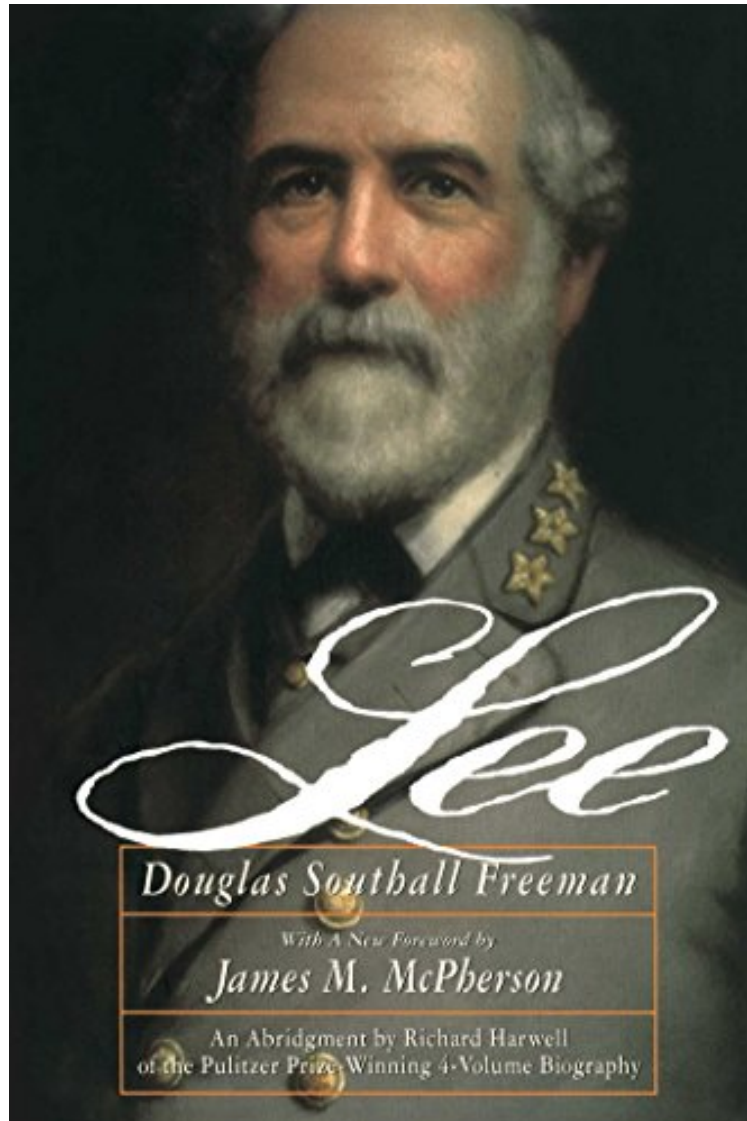


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Work of Rare GeniusVon Lewie ReeceSuch was the talent and ability of Douglas Freeman that a work which is now more than sixty-five years old still remains the best work written on Robert E. Lee. Time has made some of Freeman's work dated. In reading this condensed version of Freeman's four volume masterpiece, one will discover little about the social lives of soliders in the Army of Northern Virginia, Confederate politics, or the role slaves played in the

Confederacy. Yet what remains still has real value. Freeman's purpose was to write an engaging biography of Lee which would reveal every known fact and convey it in such a way that would be interesting. Yet the larger work is in many ways inaccessible to a general audience. The four volumes which have been compressed into this one volume lose little of Freeman's original thought. Pruned from Freeman's original are footnotes, bibliographies, and everything that is superfluous. Yet the reader will find the single volume still a remarkable achievement, and that it conveys the heart of the argument. Freeman's main accomplishment is to be able to get inside the head of Robert E. Lee. It is very much a book which seeks to convey Lee's life, to show how he made critical decisions, and what were important qualities which contributed to his character. Freeman has little doubt as to Lee's greatness, who he considers to be a shining example of a model Christian gentleman. While Freeman is not an apologist of the Confederacy, always a committed nationalist, he recognized that Southern defeat was in many ways a blessing. Nevertheless, Freeman as a Virginian sought to honor those who suffered, bled, and died for the Confederate cause by examining the commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Freeman was a gifted writer, and his writings on Lee have the feel of great literature, just as much as that of an important historical work. Freeman's main contention is that Lee's brilliant tactical and strategic insights were able to preserve and keep intact the Army of Northern Virginia. Without Lee's real skill the war would have in all likelihood ended much sooner. Even when Lee's efforts failed him, they came from a desire to move audaciously to allow the South to achieve its independence. All of these qualities made Lee, in Freeman's view, a gifted military commander. Since *Lee* was first published, numerous biographies have been written of the general, but none has done so well at capturing the man. Moreover, nearly all of the attempts are in one way or another heirs of Freeman's approach. For the student of the civil war or of Confederate history *Lee* remains an indispensable book.

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