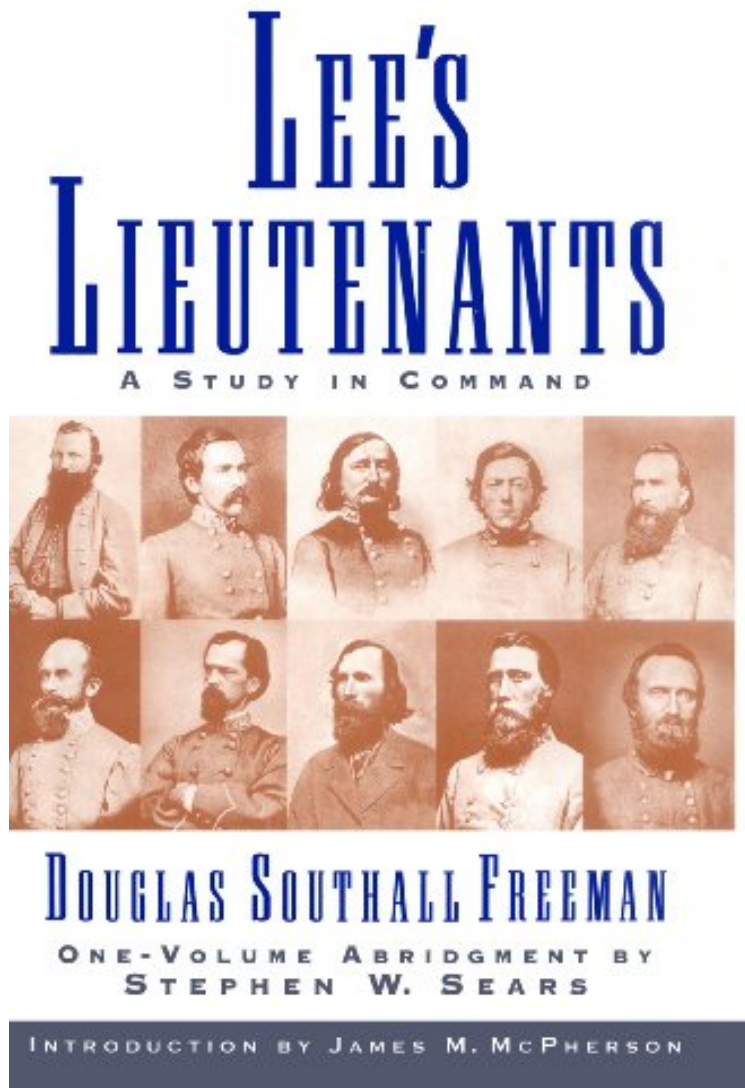


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Von Douglas Southall Freeman : Lee's Lieutenants: A Study in Command (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lee's Lieutenants: A Study in Command (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Top Form Romantic HistoryVon Scott KellyFreeman accomplishes something with Lee's Lieutenants at which many historians fail: he has written a work that not only instructs and engages the mind, but also transports the reader to the time and place of which he writes. There is nothing dry here. Although more technical (and maybe even a little more

accurate) studies have been written on the Army of Northern Virginia, Freeman's rendering of Jackson's Valley campaign will remain the greatest ever put to paper. I also found Lee's Lieutenants to be a better work than R.E. Lee, for the simple fact that Freeman's hero worship is not quite so apparent in the former work.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book deserves its reputation as a classic.Von Ein KundeThis is one of the Civil War classics. The book is very well written. The reason I didn't give it 5 stars is that the maps are not that good. In the old 10 point system I would have given it a 9. However, there is an excellent appendix which describes the geography of Virginia. The other important thing to know is that the subject of the book is the Army of North Virginia, so don't be surprised by the fact that the book is written from the Southern standpoint. None the less, I think that the author could spent more time telling about the Northern plans etc.2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An exhilarating, if partisan, account still worth readingVon James J. BloomDouglas Freeman leaves no doubt that his heart lies with the doomed Southern cause. Yet he does not on that account engage in blind worship of poor generalship. Of course this is the war as seen through the experiences of the Army of Northern Virginia, as the title clearly asserts. It is more than that, it is one of the pioneering works that tries to take the reader into the minds of the various commanders by presenting only that information which was available to them at the time. This avoids the type of hindsighting that armchair strategists can indulge in the comfort of their study.Freeman acknowledges some serious shortcomings in the Confederacy's efforts on the whole. For example, he points out the woeful lack of formal military education in the junior field-grade officers who were often placed at the head of a brigade without any more background than barracks-rooms tales or childhood games with toy soldiers. Their lack of foresight with respect to supply and munitions expenditure (the all-important, though "boring" logistical considerations)would negate the most meticulous plans made with map and pen and protractor.Freeman finds Lincoln to have been a more astute wartime Commander in Chief than Jefferson Davis despite the latter's military background. His complaint that southern officers were often selected more for their political connections than their military prowess is one that affected the North equally.Freeman acknowledged as well the tendency of Lee's subordinates to rush headlong into offensive operations without considering alternative methods of picking ground so as to force the enemy to come to them, thereby gaining the advantage of cover and superior position. This has almost become a commonplace but Freeman's excellent narrative provides example after example.Most importantly the power of the writing carries the reader along...this is no dry academic text. This is, as the subtitle mentions, a "study in command" but one marked by considerable insights into the physical and psychological limitations of the chaotic 19th century battlefield, given the primitive nature of communications -- telegraph and semaphore notwithstanding.The abridgement is judiciously accomplished retaining most of the essence of the three-volume original.Published in 1942, Lee's Lieutenants, despite the bulkiness of the original set, was carried overseas by American Army and Corps commanders for inspirational reading. One Korean war analyst mentioned that he was apprised after the war that a Chinese general kept a heavily underlined copy of the translated third volume with him.

KurzbeschreibungLee's Lieutenants: A Study in Command is the most colorful and popular of Douglas Southall Freeman's works. A sweeping narrative that presents a multiple biography against the flame-shot background of the American Civil War, it is the story of the great figures of the Army of Northern Virginia who fought under Robert E. Lee. The Confederacy won resounding victories throughout the war, but seldom easily or without tremendous casualties. Death was always on the heels of fame, but the men who commanded -- among them Jackson, Longstreet, and Ewell -- developed as leaders and men. Lee's Lieutenants follows these men to the costly battle at Gettysburg, through the deepening twilight of the South's declining military might, and finally to the collapse of Lee's command and his formal surrender in 1865. To his unparalleled descriptions of men and operations, Dr. Freeman adds an insightful analysis of the lessons learned and their bearing upon the future military development of the nation. Accessible at last in a one-volume edition abridged by noted Civil War historian Stephen W. Sears, Lee's Lieutenants is essential reading for all Civil War buffs, students of war, and admirers of the historian's art as practiced at its very highest level..deWhen Douglas Southall Freeman's original three-volume version of Lee's Lieutenants appeared in the 1940s, it marked a high point in Civil War history, and the books were lauded not only for their scholarship but for their elegant writing. This monument of Civil War literature has been skillfully abridged by one of the most noted present-day Civil War historians, Stephen W. Sears. The new one-volume abridgement retains the core material of the original and makes Freeman's fine writing available in a much more accessible format..comWhen Douglas Southall Freeman's original three-volume version of Lee's Lieutenants appeared in the 1940s, it marked a high point in Civil War history, and the books were lauded not only for their scholarship but for their elegant writing. This monument of Civil War literature has been skillfully abridged by one of the most noted present-day Civil War historians, Stephen W. Sears. The new one-volume abridgement retains the core material of the original and makes Freeman's fine writing available in a much more accessible format.