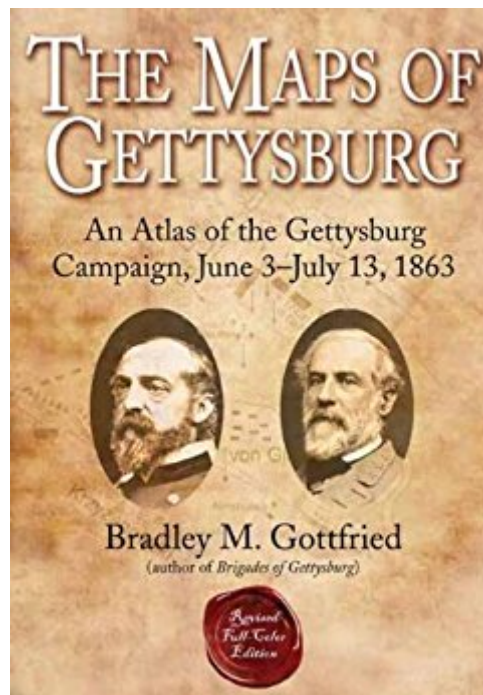


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Maps Of Gettysburg: An Atlas Of The Gettysburg Campaign, June 3 - July 13, 1863 (American Battle Series)



Synopsis

After multiple editions and printings in just two years, the bestselling 'The Maps of Gettysburg' is available for the first time in a full-color, hardcover edition! Thousands of books and articles have been written about Gettysburg, but the operation remains one of the most complex and difficult to understand. Bradley Gottfried's groundbreaking 'The Maps of Gettysburg: An Atlas of the Gettysburg Campaign, June 3 – July 13, 1863' is a unique and thorough study of this multifaceted campaign. The 'Maps of Gettysburg' breaks down the entire operation into thirty map sets or "action-sections" enriched with 144 detailed, full-page color maps comprising the entire campaign. These cartographic originals bore down to the regimental and battery level and include the march to and from the battlefield and virtually every significant event in between. At least two and as many as twenty maps accompany each map set. Keyed to each piece of cartography is a full facing page of detailed text describing the units, personalities, movements, and combat (including quotes from eyewitnesses) depicted on the accompanying map, all of which makes the Gettysburg story come alive. This presentation makes it easy for readers to quickly locate a map and text on virtually any portion of the campaign, from the march into Pennsylvania during June to the last Confederate withdrawal of troops across the Potomac River on July 13, 1863. Serious students of the battle will appreciate the extensive and authoritative endnotes and complete order of battle. They will also want to bring the book along on their trips to the battlefield. Perfect for the easy chair or for stomping the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, 'The Maps of Gettysburg' is a seminal work that belongs on the bookshelf of every serious and casual student of the battle. About the Author: Bradley M. Gottfried, Ph.D., is the President of the College of Southern Maryland. An avid Civil War historian, Dr. Gottfried is the author of five books, including 'Brigades of Gettysburg: The Union and Confederate Brigades at the Battle of Gettysburg' (2002). He is currently working with co-editor Theodore P. Savas on a Gettysburg Campaign encyclopedia.

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Customer Reviews

I recently purchased this book and am finding it to be excellent and very helpful as a supplement while reading other books on Gettysburg. One small question however. On several maps (beginning on page 63, Map 4.2) some of the rectangular regimental and brigade markers are filled in completely in red and blue while others are not. Is this just some type of mistake or is there some purpose to it that I missed in reading the Introduction and the map keys? This is only a minor issue, but I'm curious. I'm still very happy with this book. As I progressed through the books, the problem noted in my original review became more frequent and glaring, causing me to change my review from 5 stars to 3. The blank regimental markers are more frequent and lack the regiment's numbers. The worst example occurs on two consecutive maps, where the same two regiments are outlined in red and on the following map in blue. By my count, the blank markers problem exists on 19 maps throughout the book. This is more than a minor annoyance. I don't understand this situation - poor editing?

I am a frequent visitor to Gettysburg, and an amateur student of the battle. The maps are so complete that they almost provide a stop-action pictorial account of the battle. I must compliment Mr. Gottfried on the immense task he has undertaken. I can't fault his work, though I did note differences from other accounts. However, the battle itself must be faulted. The accounts of the soldiers and the official reports of the battle do not confirm each other in many cases, and historians of those days failed to reconcile the reports of those days and could never compile authoritative and complete maps of the troop movements. Mr. Gottfried has chosen paths through these thickets, but of necessity they must be arbitrary in many instances. His written summaries that accompany the

maps are excellent, but they too must be arbitrary to a degree, and a single page may not suffice to fully explain the actions pictured on the related map. Still, his book provides a superb account of the troop movements and will accompany me on many future visits to the battlefield

Great contribution to the available scholarship on the battle, and helps me understand the relative movements of the armies and their constituent parts, over the course of each of the days of the battle. Highly recommended. Good companion piece for books like Coddington's, so that the maps can accompany reading more in-depth accounts from other authors.

I think this is an excellent book. However, the Kindle Fire's screen is simply too small to enable you to view the maps clearly. The Kindle app on the PC is better, but I think that the best choice, if you want to see the maps well, would be to invest in a hardback edition. I haven't actually seen one, but for maps I've found real books to be the best option. Still, it only cost me \$2, so I can't complain. :)

This is a must have for anyone with a more than casual interest in the battle of Gettysburg. I have read a lot (too many) books about the civil war and Gettysburg in particular but this one stands out as an elegant and scholarly depiction via well done color maps of the three days of the battle as well as the troop movements before and after. It breaks each day down by area, showing the ebb and flow of very complicated areas held by Sickles Corp and its reinforcements better than any book I have ever read. It is great to read before, or better yet after, a trip to the Military Park in Gettysburg so you can picture the fighting in the topology. With very little editorializing, most citations are from the Official Records (which must themselves be taken with a grain of salt, also implied in places in the text) with other first hand reminiscences scattered throughout. Can't wait to go back again with this book in hand. If you go, also consider downloading the podcasts from Civil War Traveler dot com (slash audio slash podcasts). They have several great walking tours on their site with pdf maps that are like having a personal tour of a small area of the battle.

This book is a great book by itself or as A SECONDARY REFERENCE. I use it as a reference while reading other books on Gettysburg. The maps are very simple, very detailed, but most importantly very accurate. I also took it with me on my last visit to Gettysburg. It helped me visualize the battle more vividly. I highly recommend it.

Gettysburg as seen through maps Much has been written on the 3 days at Gettysburg, and excellent

maps have been produced, but Bradley Gottfried concentrates on the battle through examining the various troop movement through detailed maps. He breaks down the entire 3 day battle into major combat segments giving concise accounts while showing the actual troops engaged and how they moved and fought the battle. By following Mr. Gottfried's precise maps one gets a better flavor of the ebb and flow of the battle. I liked how he had the entire map on the right side page, with NO crease breaks, and an explanation of the map on the facing page. That way you could read the battle description and follow along by glancing at the facing map: Excellent. I do have 2 relatively minor improvements for future editions. 1. Include more general overview maps of the general battle area under discussions. You can get a little lost around the Herbst Woods/Railroad Cut/ Oak Hill-Oak Ridge areas. I feel a general overview map of each day and general area would be nice. 2. A general time stamp on each map. That would better put the individual areas in a more understandable overview. These are minor and really do not detract that much from Mr. Gottfried's wonderful book. This is a must have for any Civil War buff's library. I have already used it in conjunction with several other CW biographies I am currently reading. I hope this kind of cartographic examination will be done on other major CW battles. All in all an outstanding addition to better understanding the complexities of Gettysburg. Well done Mr. Gottfried.

Excellent reference book for Civil War buffs especially if you are interested in what the layout of the land and roads looked like at the time of the battle.

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