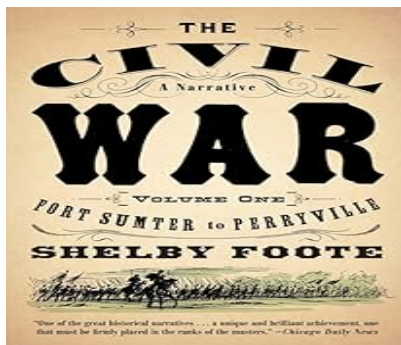


The Civil War: A Narrative: Volume 1: Fort Sumter to Perryville: 001 By Shelby Foote Kindle-edition Hardcover Paperback Mp3-cd I'm a picky reader often seeking faults with the books I read but if there were many faults with the first volume of Foote's The Civil War they were this reader's not the author's. Foote to his credit describes the troop movements and battles from the perspective of the time in which they were fought but place names and battle names have since changed so it was occasionally unclear to me to which battle he was referring. We are given the same limited information about the enemy that the generals had at the time which helps to explain many of the decisions made but it can be a bit confusing especially when both sides were promoting and demoting leaders left and right during the first couple years of the conflict until they had their starting lineups. The author admits at the end that he's from Mississippi and there may have been a slight Southern slant to his book but he claims this is because he was rooting for the underdog not because he was a Southerner. The graycoat Generals were great strategists and Foote is quick to recount their individual acts of heroism so the Southerners as a whole come off as braver than their Northern counterparts. As for myself still well worth reading but I think I would've been better off to start with a single volume overview and then work my way up to Foote's fantastic if detailed 3 volume account. Wussten Sie dass Abraham Lincoln Regimegegner ohne Gerichtsverfahren und ohne dass überhaupt eine Anklage vorlag in Schutzhaft nehmen ließ und damit als erster und einziger US Präsident den Habeas Corpus Akt also eine der wesentlichen Säulen der Verfassung der Vereinigten Staaten mit Füßen getreten hat? Man erfährt wer bei den zynischen blutigen Gemetzeln alles behauptete Gott auf seiner Seite zu haben und muss unwillkürlich an Bob Dylan denken. Aber lesen Sie selbst Kindle-edition Hardcover Paperback Mp3-cd well written and very knowledgeable Kindle-edition Hardcover Paperback Mp3-cd One of the best history and military strategy books I have read and honestly I read a lot. A masterpiece! Kindle-edition Hardcover Paperback Mp3-cd The Civil War: A Narrative: Volume 1: Fort Sumter to Perryville: 001 : Foote Shelby: : Boeken The Civil War: A Narrative: Volume 1: Fort Sumter to Perryville: 001.

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La mejor narrativa de la Guerra Civil Americana que conozco: There should be a caveat before beginning this series however: it is not for casual fans of history like myself, Foote was especially adept at describing the battles themselves whether land battles or naval campaigns, As someone who has always valued literature above other types of writing my first requirement for any book regardless of genre or topic is the level of prose, At the end of volume 1 Foote noted that he began as a novelist and it shows: I think it's critically important to know when conditions were hot or foggy when shoes water food or sleep were at a premium: Knowing how tired the soldiers were after overnight marches helps to explain their fighting condition, The generals on both sides come in for some abuse when it's merited, There are times Stonewall dragged his feet or slept instead of fighting just as McClellan (maybe the ultimate foot dragger?) is complimented for his rapport with his soldiers. I did detect a Southern bias even in the opening decision to give equal weight to the histories of Lincoln and Davis, Davis was not Lincoln's equal and while Lincoln certainly wasn't perfect Foote doesn't seem to pass up an opportunity to quote him as ugly an oaf etc: I'm not sure that all these physical knocks against Lincoln were necessary. Yes it gives the reader a sense of how the president was truly viewed by many at the time but it downplays the genius of the decisions he

made as the war progressed: To summarize volume one I'd say Foote's assessment is that the bluecoat generals were great administrators but unwilling to send their troops into battle: Lincoln kept demoting generals because he wanted someone who would attack. I think a writer could just as easily slant things the other direction, This is not to take away from Johnson and Forrest who were I agree great and heroic leaders. For any true fan of the Civil War these are essential texts: Kindle-edition Hardcover Paperback Mp3-cd Shelby Foote ist Südstaatler. Die Bücher sind eine Mischung aus Roman Geschichts und Kriegstagebuch. Man liest völlig unkommentiert das verlogene salbungsvolle Geschwätz eines US Präsidenten dem zur Vernichtung eines unabhängigen Südens jedes Mittel recht war, Und ich entwickle mich immer mehr zum Südstaatenverstehler Neben hochinteressanten Passagen finden sich seitenlange Schlachtenbeschreibungen: Ich hab's irgendwann aufgegeben alle Bewegungen nachzuvollziehen oder verstehen zu wollen wie Tausend Mann sich in eine Reihe gestellt haben um sich ohne Deckung niederschließen zu lassen: Ich nehme mit dass fast alle beteiligten Generale völlig unfähige Metzger waren: Aber wie man liest haben ihre Leute die Typen gemocht die sie ohne jedes Erbarmen zur Schlachtbank geschickt haben: Shelby's Bücher haben viele Facetten und ich lese sie gern lerne ne Menge und wundere mich oftmals über das was ich erfahre: The books are so well written (they are 3) that you follow the events forgetting that you know yet the end. Each volume is over 800 pages long. His descriptions are visceral and often beautiful. Foote's portraits are mostly multi faceted. Man erfährt erstaunliche Sachen. Ich betone unkommentiert. Foote zitiert er wertet nicht. Das mache ich aber unwillkürlich selbst. Man erfährt von Kriegshetzern im Namen der Menschlichkeit