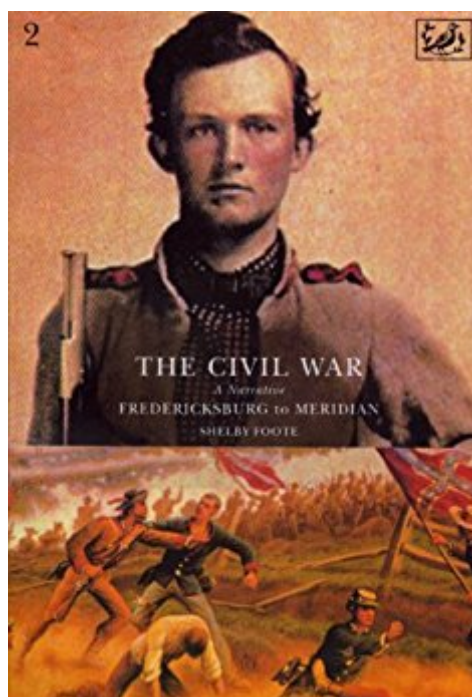


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Shelby Foote's "The Civil War: A Narrative" is a masterpiece of Civil War History/Literature. It should be the first reference read if one desires to read about the Civil War. I do have one criticism of the Kindle edition. The item is described as being the entire series. However, this Kindle edition is for the second volume "Fredricksburg to Meridaian" ONLY, not the entire trilogy as the photographs and the review suggests. Moreover, I cannot find that either volume one "Fort Sumter to Perryville" nor volume three "Red River to Appomattox" has been released in Kindle edition. So I would highly recommend "the Civil War", just be aware this for Volume Two ONLY.

I have all three of this awesome trilogy of the history of the American Civil War. It's thousands of pages long but each page reads like a thriller. It is full of incredible anecdotes: 'Boy. Why are you runnin'? General, I'se a runnin' 'cause I caint fly'. 'Run ole hare. If I was ole hare, I'd run too'. If I

were banished to a desert island and had to choose, I wouldn't take Shakespeare or Chaucer, 'tho I love them right well; I would take Shelby Foote. Best history I ever read from either side of the Atlantic.

Shelby Foote took to writing about the Civil War after a successful career as a novelist. He makes this read like the best trilogy I have ever read - he is a master craftsman, turning what could be construed as dry subject matter into a novel (or more correctly series) where you cheer for your heroes and lament for the fallen as if you knew each person described in this complex story.

Shelby Foote is one of my favorite writers of civil war history. This is the second volume of a three volume set. It's written in a style that keeps the reader's interest. Not keeping you bogged down with dates and statistics. This particular volume starts with the battle of Fredericksburg and ends with the battle of Meridian. Each section begins with the political ramifications of an event (military campaign) and then goes back in time to that battle or military campaign and brings you inside the minds of the generals and soldiers who fought and the strategy involved. These three volumes contain almost every battle fought in the war. These books are a must read for a person of any age. I first read the books during the late 1960's and have just re-read them again.

Can't fault this series of books by Shelby Foote. If you are interested in the American Civil War I don't think you will find anything to match them. They give an amazing insight into the poetry and emotion of many of the soldiers drawn into the fight without knowing just what they would be facing. I particularly found the letters and journals of the ordinary soldiers to be heart wrenching and beautifully written.

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