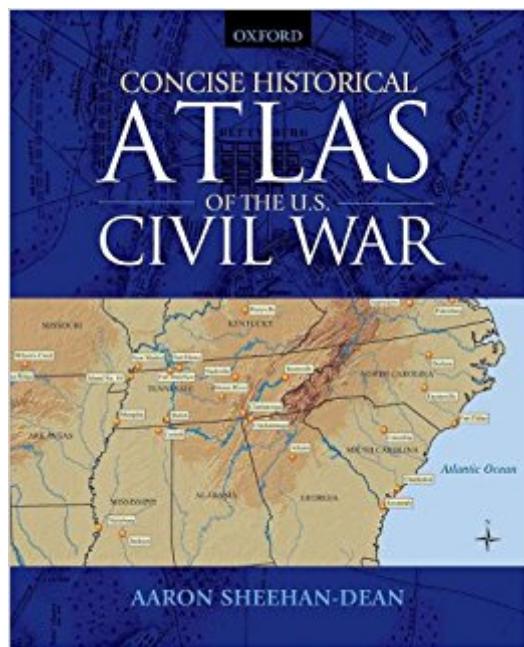


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# Concise Historical Atlas Of The U.S. Civil War



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Aaron Sheehan-Dean is a Professor of History at the University of North Florida.

I had to use this for a class in college but honestly, I would have enjoyed it if I bought it for personal use. If you're a lover of maps, this is for you. It creates a very visual reference for all aspects of the Civil War, from battle strategies to economics to social issues and everything in between.

I'm sorry, but when every date on a map is one year off - that's defective. The Battle of Chancellorsville (Map #27) was in 1863 -- not 1862. I was going to suggest that the author fire the illustrator. Then I read in the front of the book that HE was the illustrator. So I guess someone needs to fire the editor. The problem then is that readers may feel the need to fact check the book, since we really can't trust the material. That just doesn't work. Also: -- The writing is adequate, but does

not follow a convention that allows you to quickly get oriented to the map you are looking at. Take a look at the battle descriptions in the Conservation Fund's "The Civil War Battlefield Guide, Second Edition" to see how a consistent style and descriptive conventions helps clarify the events described. -- Would it be too much to ask that the compass rose on Map #37 (Shenandoah Valley) actually point north? And #9, #15, #20, #33, #41, etc? The author is obviously a newbie to mapping and GIS and didn't get enough coaching. When you use small sections of certain large area projections, you need to rotate the image so that east-west lines actually run east-west. This is quite noticeable (and annoying) when mapping the United States because so many of our state lines are east-west. The compass roses don't add that much anyway. (To see a better job of mapping, I again refer you to "The Civil War Battlefield Guide" for their approach to reproduction of small areas of topographic maps. I think I understand what Dr. Sheehan-Dean wanted to do with this book. And using maps to illustrate some of the non-battlefield information is a change of pace. But that also means a lot more is riding on the quality of those maps. Mapping that is not fully competent, pedestrian writing, and inaccuracies make this a book to pass up until it is corrected and reissued. If you want to understand the battlefields a little better, and maybe visit some, I recommend the Conservation Fund's book - which I purchased at a brick and mortar store after this volume let me down. And the cost is the same. (Here's the scary part: I paid \$17 for this paperback. Imagine how ticked off I'd be if I had paid \$70 for the hardcover edition!!!!)

Purchased this to help a young boy to understand the extensive battlefields and distances involved for the fighting men of the Civil War. Also it helped me to better understand memoirs from soldiers of that bloody era. A truly helpful atlas with clear maps and detailed markings that allows you to show, not just tell.

It is a very concise map of each selected area with accompanying brief information on the page facing the map.--both very useful.

I bought this for a Civil War seminar class I am taking in grad school. It is very useful for tracing events of the American Civil War.

I ordered it for my husband , for christmas,as he has a great interest in the civil war historyand he really liked it.

It was an interesting read

This is the best of the short and small atlases that I have found. For the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, I'm giving copies to my family with a supplement I've made which traces the story of 20th Michigan Infantry Regiment in which our ancestor, my great-great-grandfather-in-law, served.

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