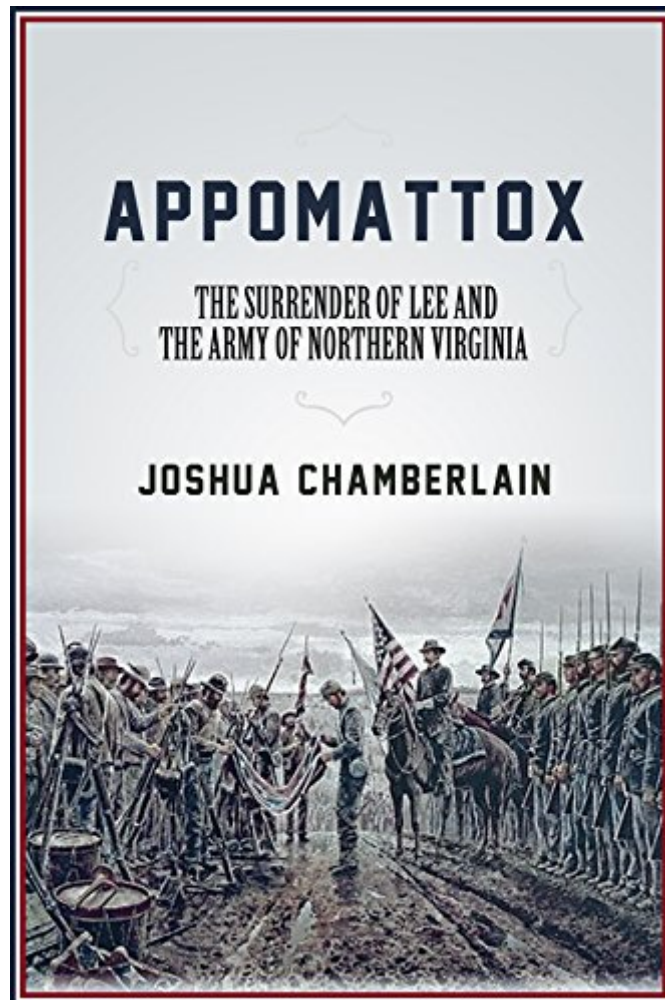




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Appomattox: The Surrender Of The Army Of Northern Virginia



Synopsis

Chamberlain's poignant tale delves into one man's first-hand account of the Battle of Appomattox Court House in April 1865. In the midst of a brutal battle, Confederate Army General Robert E. Lee rallies his exhausted, injured troops against General Ulysses S. Grant's Union Army. In close coordination with Grant, Major General Philip Sheridan sends orders to the Cavalry Corps to guide the troops up to Appomattox Station, confident that victory is imminent. As Sheridan and Grant's troops square across the enemy's front, the hour has come that will determine whether each soldier lives or dies. Until a messenger arrives from General Lee with a single white towel, shaped into a flag, that has the potential to change everything. Having agreed on a brief truce, soldiers from both sides who previously had only one order – "to destroy their opponents" – are conversing amicably. As the truce comes to an end and Lee is nowhere to be seen, the soldiers prepare to put aside their new found friendships and resume the destruction they are, by now, so accustomed to. However, Lee and Grant soon arrive; after some discussion, Lee's decision is made – "his one chosen word will determine the course of this crucial moment in American history" – surrender. As the troops unite with their opponents to laugh, share food and discuss the destruction that has dictated their existence for so long, they reflect on the lives of those who did not survive long enough to experience this miraculous moment. Finally, all troops lay down their weapons and face one another no longer as combatants, but as humans. Filled with vivid imagery, expert-storytelling and profound thoughts on war and surrender, Chamberlain's historical narrative will stay with you long after you have turned the final page. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (1828-1914) was a college professor from Maine who volunteered for the Union Army in 1862. Awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Gettysburg, he ended the war a Brevet Major General. A Republican, after the war he entered politics, serving four consecutive terms of office as the Governor of Maine. Albion Press is an imprint of Endeavour Press, the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now.

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Customer Reviews

An interesting look at the closing scenes of the Civil War by one of the Union heroes of Gettysburg. Chamberlin was a well educated man who later became President of Bowdoin College. The best part of the book is seeing what details he found important, and how he chose to express the sights and emotions of the surrender. This was a Peak Experience for Chamberlin and it's fascinating to see how a man of his era and background reacts,

In the text one understands that even when two armies collide, both believe that their side is right, and both put out maximum effort, either one has to lose. What wins wars are many little things that cannot always be helped. One of the ideas one can take away from this treatise is the South had nothing left. The same soldiers fought time and again with few reserves. At Appomattox they simply "ran out of steam".

This personal account of the climax of the Civil War at Appomattox is a moving and eloquent narrative. The story is the length of a magazine article, told in the first person, present tense. It omits any mention that Joshua Chamberlain was a near-sighted professor at Bowdoin College at the beginning of the war who rose through the ranks to play a major role in the victory at Gettysburg and the rank of Brevet Major General. In the process he was wounded six times, once almost fatally His

eloquent, spell binding account reflects his scholarly background in languages and rhetoric. It provides the reader with some degree of insight into what it was like to have been a soldier in the Civil War and the emotions felt on that fateful day.

Excellent first hand account of the final days of the civil war in Virginia. Chamberlain is an excellent storyteller and his decision to have the Union soldiers honor the surrendering Confederate soldiers was outstanding and probably helped to diffuse some of the expected animosity between the two forces at the end.

Short but very well written book about the long struggle of the civil war. Would recommend this book to all interested in the long war

The author of "All for the Union" recounts the final days of the war vividly but honestly.

Enjoyed the book. Gives a very good discription of what took place and how the North treated and respected the defeated Southerners.

Informative description - - educational.

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