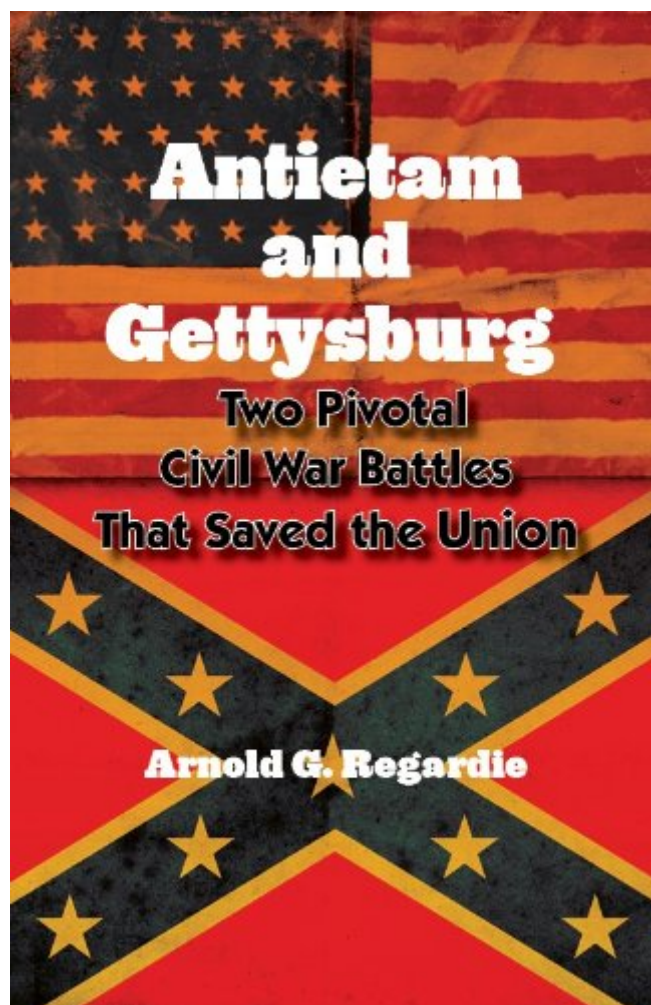


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# Antietam And Gettysburg - Two Pivotal Civil War Battles That Saved The Union



## Synopsis

With his Army of Northern Virginia, Confederate General Robert E. Lee made two incursions into Union territory during the Civil War, first into Maryland in 1862, then into Pennsylvania in 1863. The two major resulting battles, Antietam, the bloodiest day in American history, and Gettysburg, the battle that determined America's fate, raised serious concerns about the vulnerability of the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to Confederate capture. Each time the Confederacy was in a position to strike a serious blow against the North - each time it was repulsed. The far reaching implications of each battle are discussed in this article.

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This is simply a brief essay with an enticing title. To the uninitiated, it will give them little or no knowledge of these encounters and their aftermaths. To the Civil War buff or those even more interested, it provides no insights, nothing new or provocative. It's not worth the 99 cents. Use the money to save up for something like "Southern Storm", Bruce Catton's or Shelby Foote's books or even "The Killer Angels" which I read as a youngster and which started my lifelong interest in Civil War.

Not that I expected much for such a short essay, but the piece lacks any new insight. If you've never read anything else about Antietam or Gettysburg and you want to hear the basic summary and conventional wisdom about the battles, go ahead and read this. If you are familiar with the battles, read Tom Carhart's "Lost Triumph" for a more thought provoking look at Gettysburg. (You can probably get it from your local library, or in hardcover for \$4 used including shipping from .

I assume this to be a self-published piece of work. The entire piece is 18 pages long. To say the descriptions of the battles named on its cover are extremely succinct is, well, kind. To say the battles are described in detail is, well, untrue. To say he accurately intimates the importance of the result of each of these battles is, well ...

It is an excellent book in a bad format. The maps, when shown, were too small to see names and details. And in this format the ability to refer back and forth is cumbersome at best. But the author gives a very good accounting of two hard-fought battles in a horrible war. I recommend it highly in a book form, but have reservations with Kindle.

The title for my review explains the rating I give it. The article is well-written, and I always am interested in others' thoughts about the Civil War; but I didn't learn anything that was new or gain a different perspective. My only other criticism is an understatement that the author makes in his retrospective: "Perhaps the war should never have been fought in the first place." I don't believe that there is any "perhaps" about it.

I was appalled at the enormous amount of lives lost by both sides. Americans killing Americans was senseless. The animosity that still exists today between North and South in some small measure is undeniable. It piqued my interest to read more of Civil War battles.

While this article is short in duration, there are no wasted words. A very thought provoking scenario is portrayed with the proverbial what if asked and answered. Well worth taking the time to read for any even remotely interested in the civil war.

If I realized it was only 18 pages I would never would have bought it. Not enough pages to even have given a general introduction to either of these two great battles. Could have gotten the same information out of any encyclopedia. Very disappointed.

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