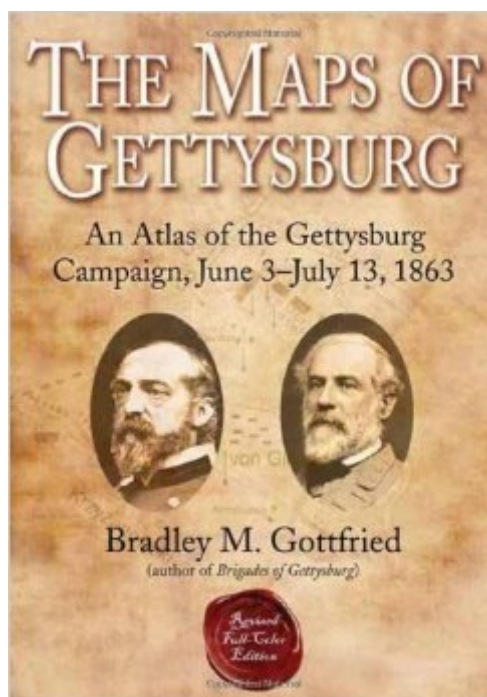


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The Maps Of Gettysburg: An Atlas Of The Gettysburg Campaign, June 3 - July 13, 1863



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After multiple editions and printings in just two years, the bestselling 'The Maps of Gettysburg' is available for the first time in a full-color, hardcover edition! Thousands of books and articles have been written about Gettysburg, but the operation remains one of the most complex and difficult to understand. Bradley Gottfried's groundbreaking 'The Maps of Gettysburg: An Atlas of the Gettysburg Campaign, June 3 – July 13, 1863' is a unique and thorough study of this multifaceted campaign. The 'Maps of Gettysburg' breaks down the entire operation into thirty map sets or reaction-sections • enriched with 144 detailed, full-page color maps comprising the entire campaign. These cartographic originals bore down to the regimental and battery level and include the march to and from the battlefield and virtually every significant event in between. At least two • and as many as twenty • maps accompany each map set. Keyed to each piece of cartography is a full facing page of detailed text describing the units, personalities, movements, and combat (including quotes from eyewitnesses) depicted on the accompanying map, all of which makes the Gettysburg story come alive. This presentation makes it easy for readers to quickly locate a map and text on virtually any portion of the campaign, from the march into Pennsylvania during June to the last Confederate withdrawal of troops across the Potomac River on July 13, 1863. Serious students of the battle will appreciate the extensive and authoritative endnotes and complete order of battle. They will also want to bring the book along on their trips to the battlefield. Perfect for the easy chair or for stomping the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, 'The Maps of Gettysburg' is a seminal work that belongs on the bookshelf of every serious and casual student of the battle. About the Author: Bradley M. Gottfried, Ph.D., is the President of the College of Southern Maryland. An avid Civil War historian, Dr. Gottfried is the author of five books, including 'Brigades of Gettysburg: The Union and Confederate Brigades at the Battle of Gettysburg' (2002). He is currently working with co-editor Theodore P. Savas on a Gettysburg Campaign encyclopedia.

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Customer Reviews

This book works on several levels; first as an atlas of the Gettysburg campaign, second as a history of the campaign and last as a reference work. That it excels at each level is a testament to the author's knowledge and skill. Any book on Gettysburg by Bradley Gottfried is subject to high expectations. His "Roads to Gettysburg" and "Brigades of Gettysburg" are essential works on the campaign and battle. This book exceeds our expectations and raises the bar for his next work. The author's style of writing requires a minimal number of words to convey essential information, making for a very informative narration that does not require pages of text. This produces an informative but easy to read text of the essential action for each map just as it did for each brigade in his last book. 144 full-page color enhanced maps that cover the advance, battle and retreat. Facing pages have a map on the right page and text on the left one. This simple idea puts everything together, ending flipping pages trying to understand the action. The second requirement is short time intervals and detailed maps. Again, the author manages this difficult idea. The 29 map set present in chronological order the campaign from Virginia to Gettysburg and back to Virginia. Each map set presents a specific action and contains from three to 21 maps and text covering this phase of the campaign. The scale is from 12 miles for campaign maps to 220 yards to the inch for the detailed regimental maps. The lower scale maps have contour lines indicate woods, cornfields, orchards and grain fields with worm, post & rail or stone fences. Roads, railroads and buildings are included. This makes for a busy map and takes some study before easily reading the tactical maps.

By way of disclosure, I will first state that I was one of the editors for this book. Having said that, I was extremely impressed with this work in progress before ever signing on to help edit the manuscript and maps. The book is wonderfully set up so that the reader can take it right out onto the field - on each left side page, there is detailed explanatory text for each action, with the corresponding map on the right side page. No flipping around to find maps. Never before has there been one, concise book that contains maps of the entire Gettysburg Campaign from beginning to end - so if you ever plan to visit the field, you need this book and will enjoy it over and over. And

anyone interested in the battle and campaign must have this book. It is, in effect, the NEW field guide for the battle and campaign, one not likely to be surpassed in our lifetimes. As a long-time student of the campaign, I can attest to the accuracy of both maps and text. I especially spent a lot of time with both Brad and the publisher making sure that the portions dealing with the cavalry were accurate (I have one book and many articles published on Gettysburg/Civil War cavalry operations). Everyone involved with this book went the extra mile to make sure that no errors crept in that we couldn't catch. And as for the maps - I'm astonished at the amount of time and effort Brad put into them. As a novice cartographer, he did an admirable job. The level of detail is commendable, and the battlefield walker will easily understand them. On the field, instead of lugging dozens of books and map sets around with you, all you'll need is this book. Then, if you have a particular detailed interest in one part of the field, you can go to works and maps that have finer detail.

I can't begin to tell you how many descriptions of Civil War troop movements I've been frustrated by: this brigade moved here or that regiment moved there. I am a visual person, I learn best when I can visualize things... therefore I, by my nature, am a map person. Most books on Civil War battles contain only enough maps to cover the most basic aspects of troop movements in a particular battle. There are never enough maps for me. Bradley Gottfried understands me and others like me and has authored nothing less than an atlas of the Gettysburg campaign. Like an oasis in the middle of the desert, *The Maps of Gettysburg: An Atlas Of The Gettysburg Campaign, June 3 - July 13, 1863*, has quenched my thirst for maps. Mr. Gottfried's book contains 29 maps map sets, each containing between 2 & 21 maps, covering the advance to Gettysburg, the battle and the Confederate retreat. In all the 136 maps give nearly an hour by hour account of the three day battle that changed the course of American History. At last I am able to see and understand the fighting back and forth across the unfinished railroad cut on July 1st, the bloody, awful fighting in the Wheatfield and Peach Orchard on the 2nd and the breathtaking and awe inspiring lines of the Picket-Pettigrew-Trimble charge as they moved across the Emmitsburg Road on July 3rd. Each map is accompanied on its left facing page by a descriptive text detailing the specificities of troop movements at the corps, division, brigade, regimental and some times even down to the company level. My one and only criticism of Mr. Gottfried's book is there is almost no reference to time.

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