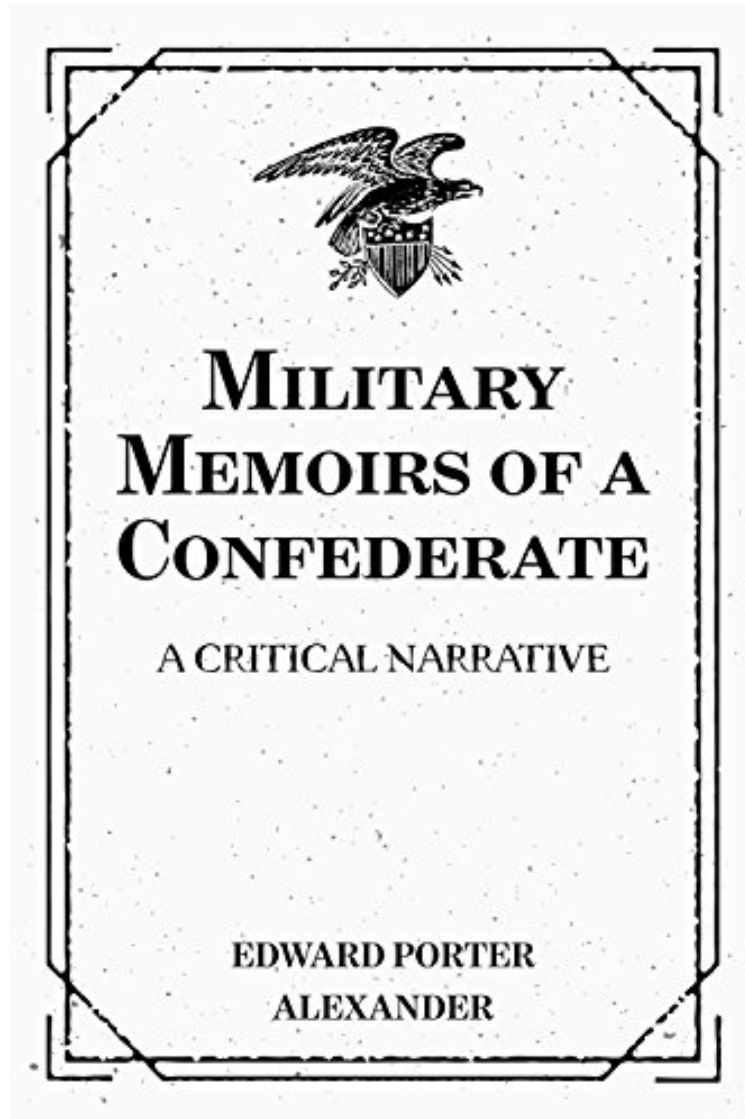


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from the North and South. His narrative is brutally honest when it comes to the strategies of the Army of Northern Virginia. He is also not shy when it comes to pointing out mistakes made, even when made by Lee, Jackson, and others of the high command. Alexander writes in a very clear, and understandable way. He starts out with his being on the West Coast when the Southern states begin to secede from the Union. When his home state leaves, he reports to Lt. McPherson, later to become an admired officer in the Union army, that he must go with his state. From here, Alexander gives his first-hand experience in nearly every battle fought in the Virginia vicinity, as well as Chickamauga in the west. You may also be surprised to find out that he writes in detail about the Army of the Potomac as well, giving its officers and strategies both praise and criticism. He always uses their reports, as well as the South's, when it comes to their accounts of the battle, and their casualty lists, giving credence and respect to both sides. Alexander was one of Lee's most valuable officers, and perhaps his best artilleryman. He was a man Lee could not spare. Longstreet and Jackson both appreciated his great knowledge and value. This book will not disappoint you. Many historians have given great praise and due credit to Alexander's scholarly narrative. I highly recommend this book to any Civil War buff. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Probably the best of the Confederate memoirs, a must-have. Von Art Chance Any serious student of the War for Southern Independence has learned that memoirs are a veritable minefield of self-serving half-truths and outright misrepresentations. Alexander's is the notable exception. Long allied with, and perhaps a bit beholden to, James Longstreet, Alexander tries to if not defend, at least explain his old chief, particularly at Gettysburg. Alexander's fundamental honesty triumphs, though he is at pains to put the best face on Longstreet's actions. The memoir is frank, enormously fact-filled, and about as honest as someone with a personal stake in the matter could be. An absolute must-have for any student of The War. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Journal of Gen. Alexander Von Billy E. Finney This is a very good book for those of you who are civil war buffs. Alexander has his own views about many of the generals and makes them well known. Some I do not agree with...for instance his views on Stonewall Jackson. Much of what he writes about is very interesting....for instance day-to-day happenings that others leave out. I would personally not give this book 5 stars but would recommend it for reading cw history.

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reconnaissance, and Stonewall Jackson wanted him made an infantry general. }