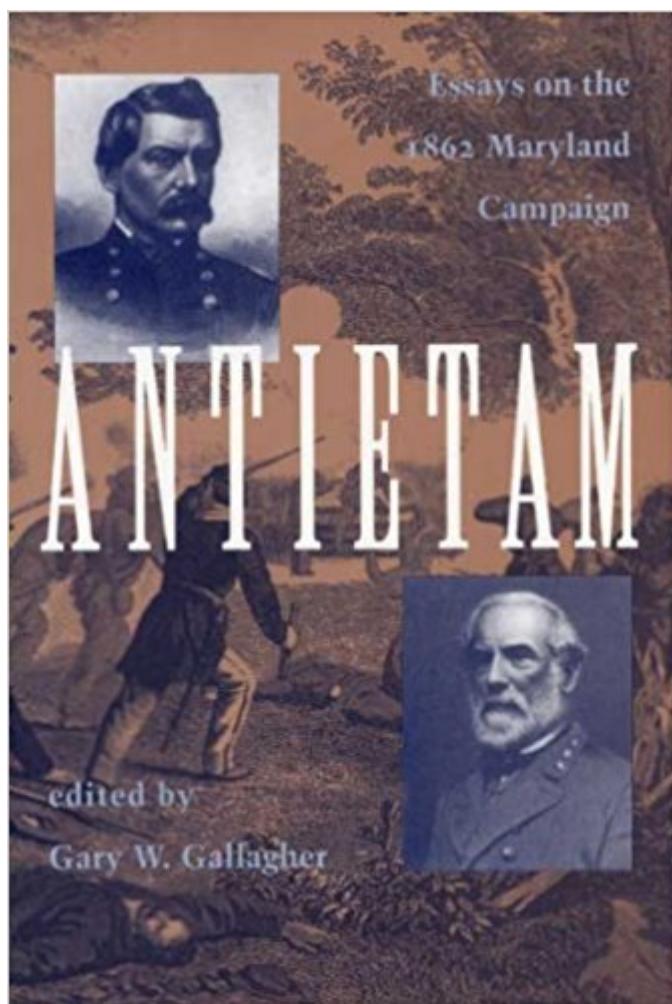


The book was found

# Antietam: Essays On The 1863 Maryland Campaign



## Synopsis

The relative importance of Civil War campaigns is a matter for debate among historians and buffs alike. Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Atlanta have their advocates. Gettysburg certainly maintains its hold on the popular imagination. More recently has come the suggestion that no single campaign or battle decided the war or even appreciably altered its direction. If any one battle was a dividing line, Antietam is a solid contender. In no other campaign were the political, diplomatic, and military elements aligned so favorably for the Confederacy. Yet Lee's retreat after the terrible battle in September 1862 changed everything. Great Britain had second thoughts about intervention; Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and Lee's army, while victorious on other fields, proved not to be unbeatable. Across the years, Antietam remains the worst one-day slaughter in American history. The ghastly losses in the Cornfield, the West Woods, and the Sunken Road still appall the reader. Lee's gamble against disaster and George McClellan's inexplicable refusal to press his advantage remain puzzles.

## Book Information

Paperback: 113 pages

Publisher: The Kent State University Press; Later Printing edition (November 1, 1989)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0873384008

ISBN-13: 978-0873384001

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.4 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars 7 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #1,464,872 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #69 in Books > History > Americas > United States > Civil War > Campaigns & Battlefields > Antietam #15142 in Books > History > Military > United States #30582 in Books > History > Americas > United States > State & Local

## Customer Reviews

Gary W. Gallagher is professor of history at the University of Virginia. He is a contributing editor of The Kent State University Press publications *Struggle for the Shenandoah: Essays on the 1864 Valley Campaign* (1991); *The First Day at Gettysburg: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership* (1992); *The Second Day at Gettysburg: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership*

(1993); and *Three Days at Gettysburg: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership* (1999).

I have always found any of Gary Gallagher's work product to be beneficial. My only problem is "" title listing as the "1863 Maryland Campaign." Oops!

Book is great! Service was even better!!!!

I've been a big fan of Gary Gallagher's work ever since I started studying the Civil War, and this book did not disappoint. His work is never just a stories of a battle, or battles. You come away understanding more about why the events happened where and when they did, and what the real consequences were for the victor as well as the vanquished.

A quick read, but one that raised some interesting views of the both the importance of the battle of Antietam Creek and the events that occurred around and during it. I particularly enjoyed the review of the actions of Ambrose Burnside which leaves a more favorable impression of his generalship during the battle. The essay regarding George McClellan goes a way to explaining (but not totally) this enigmatic and contradictory general.

After reading Murfin, Sears, Priest, and various magazine articles, I thought I would go a little deeper into the wheres and whys of September 1862. What a treat! Dennis Frye is the authority on Harper's Ferry ( who's fault? Miles, McClellan, or Franklin?) Robert Krick must have been a rebel because it seems as if he was right in their midst, and standing next to R. E. Lee at that, as they crossed the Potomac. As for A. Wilson Greene, he knows and has studied McClellan with the best of historians. George Brinton McClellan could have ended the war on several occasions but instead prolonged it and then patted himself on the back. And finally, Gary Gallagher shows us "a season of opportunity...in perspective" splendidly.

I agree with the previous reviewer. This book hits home and goes deeper into the background of the causes and conflicts arising from the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Take this book with you when you visit Antietam National Battlefield. You will come away with a better understanding of what took place before and after America's Bloodiest single day battle. Highly recommended!

As Civil War histories go, this one falls on the upper end of the middle of the pack. The articles are,

overall, well-written and well-presented. Although better histories of the 1862 campaign do exist (see James McPherson, "Antietam: Crossroads of Freedom"), this is a good collection of essays. This may be a bit petty to mention, but the book is square (as opposed to rectangular), and does not fit well on a bookshelf.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Antietam: Essays on the 1863 Maryland Campaign  
Antietam: The Maryland Campaign of 1862 : Essays on Union and Confederate Leadership (Civil War Regiments, Vol 5, No 3)  
Too Afraid to Cry: Maryland Civilians in the Antietam Campaign  
To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of September 1862  
The Maryland Campaign of September 1862. Volume II: Antietam  
The Maryland Campaign of September 1862: Vol. II: Antietam  
The Greatest Battles in History: Antietam and the Maryland Campaign of 1862  
General Edward Porter Alexander at Antietam: Account of the Maryland Campaign from His Memoirs  
The U.S. Army War College Guide to the Battle of Antietam: The Maryland Campaign of 1862  
The Gleam of Bayonets: The Battle of Antietam and Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign, September 1862  
Kids Love Maryland: A Family Travel Guide to Exploring Kid-Tested Places in Maryland... Year Round! (Kids Love Maryland & Washington, DC: A Family Travel Guide Kid)  
The Maryland Campaign of September 1862: Volume III: The Battle of Shepherdstown and the End of the Campaign: 3  
The Maps of Antietam, eBook Short #3: The Movement to and the Battle of Antietam, September 14 - 18, 1862  
Battle of Antietam: The Official History by the Antietam Battlefield Board  
The Chickamauga Campaign - Glory or the Grave: The Breakthrough, the Union Collapse, and the Defense of Horseshoe Ridge, September 20, 1863  
The Chickamauga Campaign - A Mad Irregular Battle: From the Crossing of Tennessee River Through the Second Day, August 22 - September 19, 1863  
Stars in Their Courses: The Gettysburg Campaign, June-July 1863  
Meade and Lee After Gettysburg: The Forgotten Final Stage of the Gettysburg Campaign, from Falling Waters to Culpeper Court House, July 14-31, 1863  
The Maps of Fredericksburg: An Atlas of the Fredericksburg Campaign, Including all Cavalry Operations, September 18, 1862 - January 22, 1863  
The Fredericksburg Campaign : October 1862-January 1863 (Great Campaigns Series) (Great Campaigns of the Civil War)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)