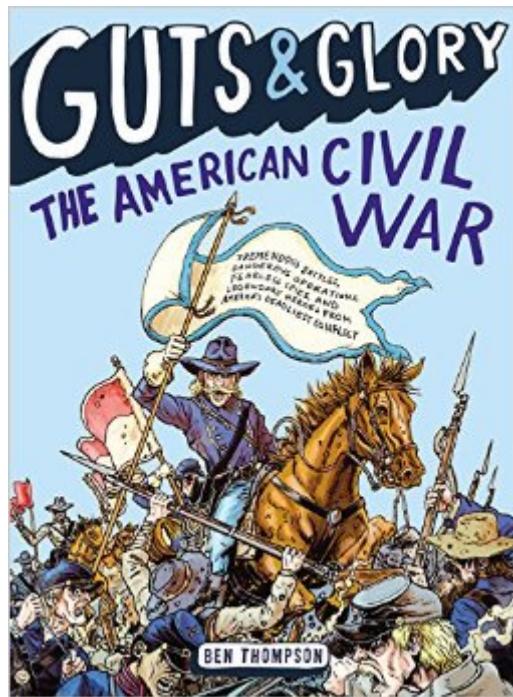


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# Guts & Glory: The American Civil War



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## Customer Reviews

I have some mixed feelings about this book. On the one hand it has tremendous young reader appeal but on the other hand there were a few statements that I felt were misleading though not technically wrong. On the one hand the list of resources the author read and used at the end was tremendous, some specific references on certain information would have been nice. And while I enjoyed the author's rather snarky, sarcastic tone, I wonder if all children will pick up on it, especially the references to things that did not exist during the Civil War, which could easily confuse some

child readers. The author has done a nice job of choosing topics and events that carry a lot of interest. I found myself compelled to keep reading to find out what else the author had to say. I even learned some things, which for a Civil War reader like myself says a lot. The numerous sidebars provide information about topics related to each chapter giving additional information and background. For each major battle, statistics related to the number of soldiers involved and the casualties inflicted as well as who is considered to have 'won' the battle are included. While I didn't read anything that was technically incorrect (at least as far as I know) there were several places (at least three that I counted) where things were phrased in such a way as to be misleading. For example, on page 55 the author says, "On November 7, 1917, Communist supporters of Vladimir Lenin stormed the palace of Tsar Nicholas II, killing the Russian emperor and his entire family and beginning a civil war that would spread across the country.

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