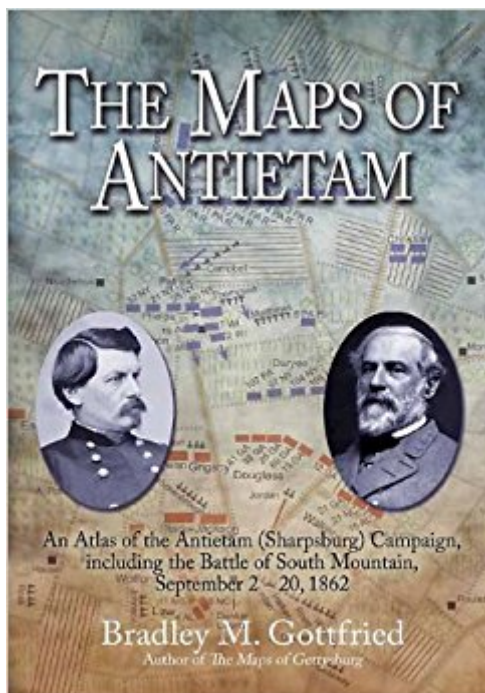


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The Maps Of Antietam: An Atlas Of The Antietam (Sharpsburg) Campaign, including The Battle Of South Mountain, September 2 - 20, 1862 (Savas Beatie Military Atlas)



Synopsis

The Maps of Antietam: An Atlas of the Antietam (Sharpsburg) Campaign is the fourth installment in the Savas Beatie Military Atlas Series. This magisterial work breaks down the entire campaign (and all related operational maneuvers) into 21 map sets or "action-sections" enriched with 124 original full-page color maps. These spectacular cartographic creations bore down to the regimental and battery level. The Maps of Antietam includes the march into Maryland, the Harpers Ferry operation, the Battle of South Mountain (Fox's Gap, Turner's Gap, and Crampton's Gap), operations in Pleasant Valley, the Confederate withdrawal to Sharpsburg, the Battle of Antietam, the retreat across the Potomac River, and the sharp fighting at Shepherdstown. At least one and as many as ten maps accompany each "action-section." Opposite each map is a full facing page of detailed footnoted text describing the units, personalities, movements, and combat (including quotes from eyewitnesses) depicted on the accompanying map, all of which make the story of General Lee's invasion into Maryland come alive. This original presentation masterfully leads readers on a journey through the campaign that many historians believe was the most consequential of the war and marked the beginning of the end for the Confederacy. Gottfried begins with the position of the opposing armies after the Second Bull Run Campaign before detailing their joint movements into Maryland. Readers will stand with D. H. Hill on top of South Mountain as General McClellan tries to force his way through the passes; surround, lay siege to, and capture Harpers Ferry (and ride with Col. Benjamin Davis's cavalry on its breakout); fight blow-by-blow outside the small town of Sharpsburg (53 maps) through the bloodiest day in American history; retreat from the battlefield and, finally, revisit the bloodshed at Shepherdstown. This detailed coverage is further augmented in explanatory notes. Detailed orders of battle, an interview with the author, bibliography, and index complete this exciting new volume. Perfect for the easy chair or for walking hallowed ground, The Maps of Antietam is a seminal work that, like his earlier Gettysburg and First Bull Run studies, belongs on the bookshelf of every serious and casual student of the Civil War.

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Customer Reviews

"The Maps of Antietam is an indispensable resource for any serious student of this pivotal battle and of the larger Maryland Campaign of September 1862. Here, for the first time, are 124 full-page detailed color maps with matching pages of clear and concise narration of the action.

Gottfried's work should be on the shelves of everyone who seeks a good understanding of not only the Battle of Antietam, but of the confusing actions atop South Mountain, around Harpers Ferry, and during the final withdrawal near Shepherdstown. The Maryland Campaign was of vast consequence and importance, and The Maps of Antietam brings it all to life." (John Hoptak, Park Ranger, Antietam National Battlefield)"Brad Gottfried is a master mapmaker and a fine historian, and he has proven it yet again with The Maps of Antietam. This ground-breaking work is a very important addition to the growing literature on the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Indeed, it is an essential volume on Antietam studies." (Thomas G. Clemens, editor of the two-volume The Maryland Campaign of September 1862 (South Mountain and Antietam), by Ezra A. Carman)"Brad Gottfried has done the Civil War community a huge favor by reducing a very complex battle to a clear, readable, and concise series of maps with matching text. Based on the Carman-Cope maps of 1908 and other contemporary sources, The Maps of Antietam provides the easiest understanding of the battle I've ever seen. It is the next-best-thing to being there!" (Ted Alexander, Chief Historian, Antietam National Battlefield)"Ideal as a guide for visitors, Civil War re-enactors, and Civil War scholars." (James A. Cox, Midwest Book Review)"The Maps of Antietam stands as worthy reading on its own. The maps alone offer the opportunity for hours and hours of close scrutiny and informative study. Getting lost in them will be time well spent." (Chris Mackowski, Emerging Civil War)

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Almost finished reading "The Maryland Campaign of September 1862 Vol. 1: South Mountain" by Carmen and Clemens in tandem with "The Maps of Antietam" by Bradley M. Gottfried. Great way to learn about the ebb and flow of events of the battle. While I've read many books about the Antietam campaign, the maps give a visualization of what Carmen relates which helps me understand movements down the company level as they unfold. Looking forward to Volume II. I have the First Edition, First printing of "The Maps of Antietam", some of the critical reviews mention poor editing. Can't say that I've picked up on the problems cited. the book works well for me! I'm looking forward to picking up the other Maps of books by Gottfried.

I was not greatly acquainted with the final battle of the Antietam campaign--fought at Shepherdstown. Lee's forces had crossed the Potomac River, in their retreat from the bloody battle. This volume provides narrative and maps that illustrate the movements of the Union and Confederate military. One curious aspect of the battle is the person whom Lee named to command his forces: General William Pendleton. Pendleton was a none too distinguished field officer. His specialty was artillery, and he was more of a bureaucrat than a commanding officer. It is a mystery to many why he was selected to head a rear guard of artillery and some infantry. As it turns out, his performance was about what one would expect--indifferent at best. The Union forces, according to the text, were actually more vigorous than I had thought. Troops from Porter's V Corps crossed the river and began to drive Pendleton's scratch force. At one point, Pendleton left with part of his force, leaving another part to fend for itself. Porter's corps was the primary Union force engaged with Pendleton's troops. The disarray prompted Stonewall Jackson to head to the river to stabilize matters. After some conflict, Porter withdrew. This is a useful book for me, since I had read little about this part of the struggle at Antietam. The maps are useful, but in the Kindle version they were not always easy to read. Some nice features include the maps, the order of battle, an interview with the author, etc. A useful volume. . . .

This rendition of South Mountain and Antietam battles satisfies those who may wonder just how a vastly superior Federal army did not crush the Army of Northern Virginia. In well-documented text and matching maps, the story shows the influence of miscalculation, terrain, chance, and extreme bravery in detail. The author pulls relevant and useful firsthand quotes to make the history credible. My only complaint is something I have noticed in other works in this series. There are

places where the text refers to units somewhere off map. Despite this, the history is compelling and presents new insights on these battles.

One more in a great series of books. Not only are they well written and well supported with as many maps as one could ever hope for, the physical production is top notch. I eagerly look forward to the next books in this series (actually I already have the next one - Mine Run, so make this the next, next), and from this publisher. (And I should add a word about the publisher - SB goes waaaay above and beyond to make their clientele happy - top notch customer relations and customer service!)

Book does a great job of covering the battle phase by phase. Great for people actually visiting the battlefield in person as a guide of where the various units of both armies actually were.

A great addition to my Antietam collection. Very clean maps, easy to follow. Summaries of events are well written and work well with the maps. A Top 10 book for anyone interested in the battle of Antietam.

Done know yet

Great book, clear, concise, abundance of great maps with good summary of battle action for the time period shown on the map.

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