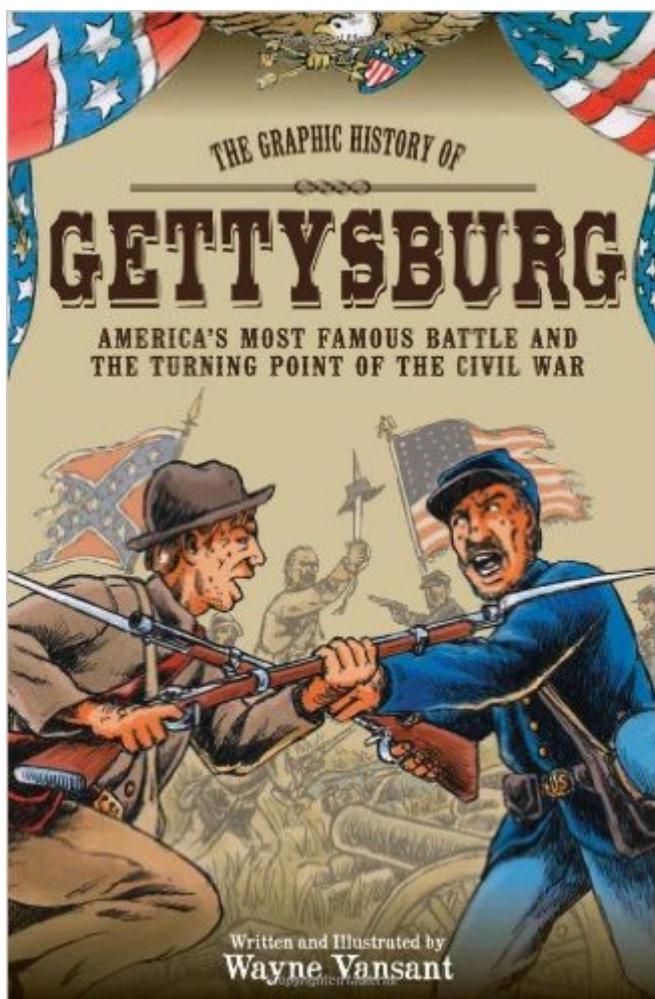


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Gettysburg: The Graphic History Of America's Most Famous Battle And The Turning Point Of The Civil War (Zenith Graphic Histories)



Synopsis

The Battle of Gettysburg is a landmark event in United States history. Widely recognized as the Civil War's turning point, it accounted for the most casualties of any battle during the war and spelled the beginning of the end for the Confederacy. In this powerful graphic history, Wayne Vansant describes the history leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg, as well all of the major military events on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, including the famous fight for Little Round Top on the second day and the death march known as Pickett's Charge on the third and final day. He paints portraits of each army's leaders, such as Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, George Meade, and the then little-known Joshua Chamberlain. Vansant concludes a few months later at the dedication of the Soldier's National Cemetery in November, 1863, when Abraham Lincoln delivered one of the most iconic speeches of all time, the Gettysburg Address. Gettysburg delivers one of the hallmark events of American history in an exciting and innovative format. "Wayne Vansant has authored a graphic account of the Battle of Gettysburg with rich illustrations and narrative that makes history come alive. This book will not only spark an interest in the terrible battle and sad aftermath, but will provide the reader with a good understanding of the men and armies memorialized at Gettysburg National Military Park today." - John Heiser, Historian, Gettysburg, PA

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The 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg will be coming up shortly, and for those interested

in it but unwilling to plow through tedious history books, this graphic presentation of the battle is ideal. The author (and artist) has given the reader an excellent overview of the battle, from the beginning of the idea of the invasion of the North by General Lee, to Lincoln's address several months after the battle. It appears to cover all of the major movements and actions of that three day bloodbath in often grisly pictorial detail. I've visited Gettysburg many times, as it is only 90 minutes from where I live, and this book is quite a helpful guide. Younger readers may be put off by the mention of various army parts, or the command structures of each army. Also, the position maps, which I find very helpful, might just turn them off to the whole idea. Older children and adults should have no trouble following the action, and taking this book to the scene might be a great help to visitors. There were a few typos, and some fractured grammar, but they were minor when compared with the achievement of this work. I can highly recommend it!

Go ahead and buy it for someone young, but trust me, if you're an adult, you'll read this cover to cover and enjoy every minute of it. All factual history, but illustrated. Brings back fond memories of reading Classics Illustrated comic books as a kid. Those in turn led me to read full-scale adult books. Ditto for this concept. All of Vansant's titles are equally good. If you're a parent or grandparent, buy all of Wayne's books and give them to your kids. They'll love you for it. My son is a Captain in the US Air Force. I visited him recently and he had Vansant's books sitting beside his bed. That says something for the staying power of Wayne's books.

Even though most Americans are familiar with the historical significance of the battle of Gettysburg, many probably have not read anything about it since their first American history course. This excellent Graphic Adaptation by Wayne Vansant, makes this most famous civil war battle really come alive. It also explains many of the vital details about this historic battle, which many historians think was the turning point in the civil war. This book is organized into five areas. The prologue covers the long chance and the march north by Lee and his army. The book moves to the first day, July 1, 1863 when the first shot occurred and the gathering storm was about to begin. On the second day, July 2, 1863 the text deals with the importance of Round Top and Devil's den, as well as the wheat field and the peach orchard events. The third and final day, July 3rd, 1863 deals with Pickett's charge and what a disaster it turned out for Lee's Army. The final section explains the aftermath of the battle with the defeat of the south and victory by the north. This section also tells how President Lincoln wanted General Mead to go after Lee's army who were retreating, but Mead refused. Many historians think this was a mistake by General Mead because it may have ended the

civil war at that time. In conclusion, this is a book every American should read to better understand this important American historical battle. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncate (Author: Never Trust a Politician).

This book was a great presentation of the Battle of Gettysburg. I remember the American Heritage book on the Civil War from the 1970's. I really loved their pictures and maps. This in its own way is the equal and maybe the better of depicting the battle. There were many things I liked about the book; Good maps, good graphics depicting the Corps with its General and their subordinate Officers, and the little historic anecdotes of what the soldiers said or did (many I hadn't heard before). As the battle commenced the art really made the point of how horrific the it really was and it was done without the gore that would turn many off. I found I learned a few things as I read it, got a better understanding of what went on, and really enjoyed it. Its a great resource for anyone interested in the battle. I would also recommend it for anyone going to Gettysburg as a good way to prepare yourself for your visit.

What an excellent production. Written and Illustrated by (the Man) Wayne Vansant and Zenith Press presentation that proves comics are more than comics these days. "The Graphic History" shows they have become a visual enlightened companionship to the more in depth books on the subject that have sold by the millions. These Graphic Novels arrive in my letter box as if they were straight out of the printing press and for my personal pleasure. Thank you Pete R.

One hundred and fifty years have passed since the Battle of Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863. It was the largest and bloodiest battle to have ever taken place in the Western Hemisphere. Volume upon volume has been written about what transpired in the small hamlet of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania during those three days in July. So much has been written about the battle that for those who are just beginning to study it may find the question "Where do I begin?" a bit daunting to answer. Fortunately Wayne Vansant has written and illustrated a graphic novel which contains much of the basic, need to know, information about the battle and its participants, "Gettysburg: The Graphic History of America's Most Famous Battle and the Turning Point of The Civil War." Vansant provides accurate and detailed information about the battle in an easily read compact book which can easily be read during an afternoon. Breaking his graphic novel into five parts Mr. Vansant's prologue follows the events leading up to the three day battle. Each day of the battle gets its own chapter, which is in turn followed by an Afterward, that contains Lincoln's Gettysburg

Address.â œGettysburg: The Graphic History of . . .â • is appropriate for young and older readers alike, though many current students of the battle and the American Civil War, may find it trivial, it is a great place to start for the young and old who wish to begin their study of the largest battle in Americaâ ™s greatest conflict.

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