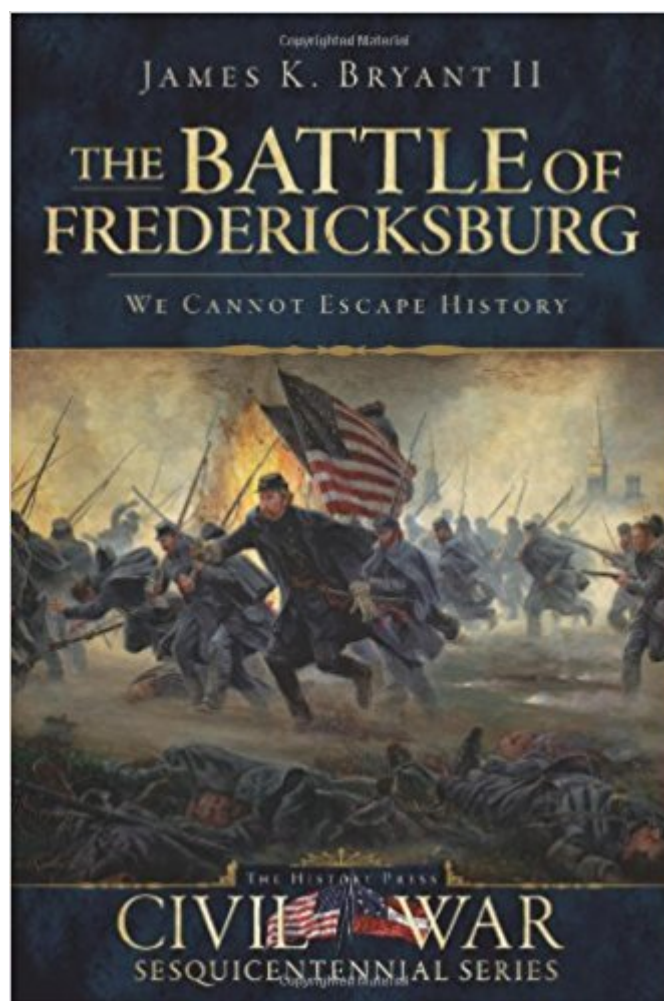


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Nice concise review of the battle. However, too much time was spent on providing background information on all the key persons from both sides. Additionally, the maps provided were dated and

hard to read. More maps located within narrative would have been nice.

Probably no important battle in the history of warfare was bungled as badly as this one, fought during our Civil War. Abraham Lincoln was generally an excellent judge of men; but he certainly failed in his selection of Union commanding generals, including Burnside, the commander in this battle...until he finally hit paydirt w/Grant. Highly recommended to Civil War buffs.

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