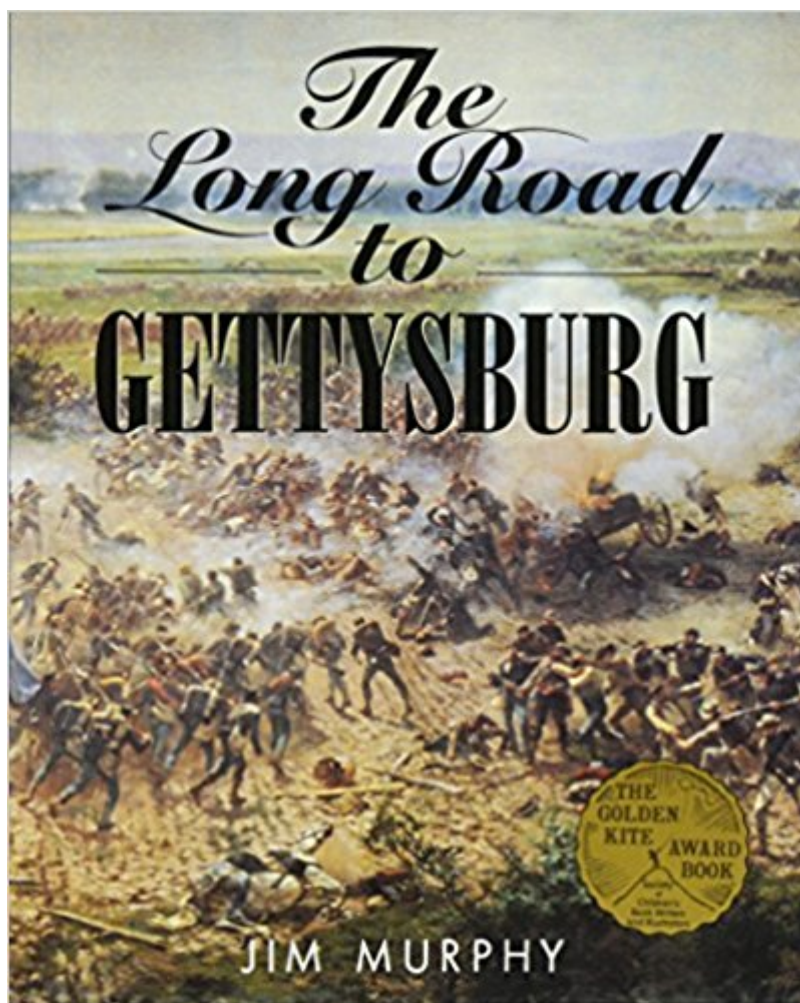


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The Long Road To Gettysburg



Synopsis

A description of the Battle of Gettysburg as seen through the eyes of nineteen-year-old Confederate lieutenant John Dooley and seventeen-year-old Union soldier Thomas Galway.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Excerpts from the diaries of two young officers, Lt. John Dooley of the Confederacy and Cpl. Thomas Galway of the Union army, are at the heart of this compelling account of the Civil War's bloodiest battle. Expertly blending details about the battle and each side's plans with the diaries, Murphy conveys all of the tension, tedium and excitement of the battlefield. Archival photographs of the site powerfully present young readers with a grim reminder of the high cost of waging this conflict. Several photos show dead horses and soldiers, their bodies not yet removed for burial. The conclusion explains what happened to the young officers after the war was over, neatly tying up the end of the book and making these men from long ago even more real to today's readers. Ages 9-12. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr 6 Up "Balancing tactical and historical descriptions of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War with the firsthand diary accounts of two young soldiers, one Union and one Confederate, Jim Murphy's

title (Clarion, 1992) is solidly narrated by Ray Childs, Terry Bregy, and William Dufres, each lending his talent to a different section of the text. The use of different voice actors for the narration is especially effective in helping listeners differentiate the Union and Confederate points of view, with snippets of snare drum music separating the passages to further reinforce the shifts in viewpoint. Another narrator reads the introduction and conclusion, which describe the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg and includes Lincoln's famous address. Key figures are quoted and given distinct voices, some more successfully than others. Listeners will get a sense of the emotion, pain, and fatigue experienced by the two soldiers through the performances, though occasionally the voice used for Galway, the Union corporal, sounds too similar to the narrative voice, making it difficult to differentiate the diary excerpts from the exposition. Overall, this is a worthwhile addition to non-fiction audiobook collections. Amanda Raklovits, Champaign Public Library, IL © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In my classroom each year I create a Civil War Book Club, students choose between two books; Killer Angels and The Slopes of War. This year I needed another book at a lower reading level for a few of my eighth grade students, and The Long Road to Gettysburg was just that book. The story is about two soldiers, one Union and one Confederate at the battle of Gettysburg and is based on primary source documents (their letters). The book includes lots of graphics (pictures, photos and maps) to help support the reader. This book is a great addition to my library.

Excellent introduction to the battle for young readers; the maps are easy to understand and illustrations and photos help explain the three days of fighting for the younger readers. If you are planning a trip to Gettysburg with kids this would be a great book to help them appreciate the experience.

Great book for all ages!

This was a wonderful younger readers Civil War non-fiction, it may have just been the best I read, scratch that, it was the best I read. A lot of Civil War non fiction for the younger audience will chop bits out so it isn't too gory, this book doesn't do that. You can't have an accurate Civil War non fiction and take out all of the gory stuff, the Civil War was simply a very gory time. I thought the photos fit in the book nicely, and included photos I have never seen of the war before (and I am a very avid Civil

War enthusiast). I also thought the quotes spoken by men actually at the battle were a very good addition. All in all, this is a great book for any Civil War enthusiast, young or old, It won't bore you.

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