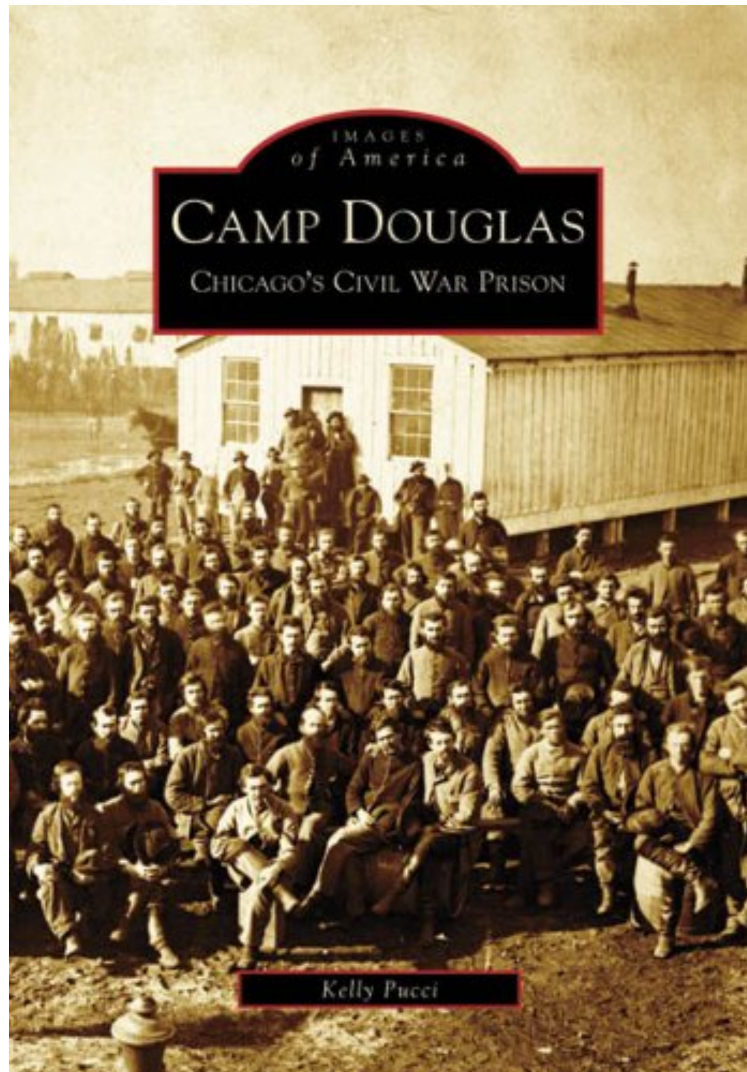


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Kelly Pucci : Camp Douglas: Chicago's Civil War Prison (Images of America: Illinois) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Camp Douglas: Chicago's Civil War Prison (Images of America: Illinois):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The time has come for the truth to be toldBy Southern by HeritageThe other side of the story, the part that history has been written to forget about. History has been written with a one sided slant towards the mistreatment and cruel treatment being committed by the South in Camps such as Andersonville. No surprise the that Northern States would dismantle and choose to forget that in many cases the truth.

The Northern Camps in many cases would have made the treatment and conditions at Andersonville pale in comparison. Overcrowding, poor sanitary conditions, starvation, physical abuse and yes lack of warm clothing leaving the POWs exposed to extreme and extreme weather conditions. The ending of the prisoner exchange programs in an effort by the North to shorten the length of the war adding to the misery of prisoners on both sides. Of course the South with much more limited supplies and resources would have a much more difficult time providing food etc.. especially when its own people were starving. This is a part of our history that needs to be told and remembered. Stop putting it all on the South and Andersonville and admit the true horror of the war. An interesting read and a story that needs to be told....

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not all pictures are of Camp Douglas
By J. D. Palmer
This book has many pictures of Chicago during the 19th century and pictures of the men and women of that era. There's a good number of Camp Douglas pictures as well and at the end of the book there's a section with modern day photos of the former Camp Douglas lands. Don't expect the whole book to be about Camp Douglas. Overall I liked the book, told a more complete story of that area and era. Buy Levy's book - To Die in Chicago. These two books tell it all, well almost.

My Civil War relative was a Union Army officer and his regiment trained at Camp Douglas and performed guard duty there for 3 months in late 1862 before being sent down South to fight.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My great grandfather was a POW who died there
By Gary Carson
My great grandfather was a POW who died there, so this was documentary was both very personal and also enlightening about how he died. We had thought he died from wounds after returning home. He actually died of acute dysentery at Camp Douglas after being captured by Sherman's forces. He never saw his family again.

Thousands of Confederate soldiers died in Chicago during the Civil War, not from battle wounds, but from disease, starvation, and torture as POWs in a military prison three miles from the Chicago Loop. Initially treated as a curiosity, attitudes changed when newspapers reported the deaths of Union soldiers on southern battlefields. As the prison population swelled, deadly diseases—smallpox, dysentery, and pneumonia—quickly spread through Camp Douglas. Starving prisoners caught stealing from garbage dumps were tortured or shot. Fearing a prisoner revolt, a military official declared martial law in Chicago, and civilians, including a Chicago mayor and his family, were arrested, tried, and sentenced by a military court. At the end of the Civil War, Camp Douglas closed, its buildings were demolished, and records were lost or destroyed. The exact number of dead is unknown; however, 6,000 Confederate soldiers incarcerated at Camp Douglas are buried among mayors and gangsters in a South Side cemetery. *Camp Douglas: Chicago's Civil War Prison* explores a long-forgotten chapter of American history, clouded in mystery and largely forgotten.