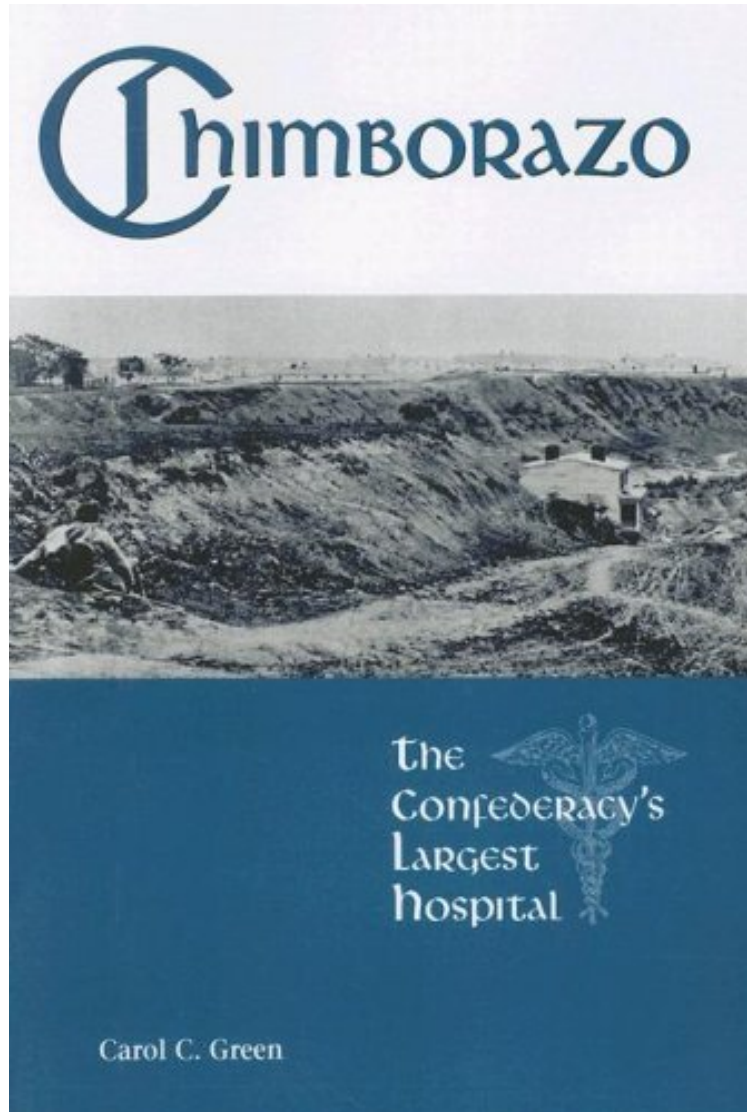


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource if you are interested in Civil War medicine. I am drawn to learning more about Civil War medicine during the American Civil War and did a deal of research about it in order to use historically accurate facts in the two Civil War novels that I have written. This book, *Chimborazo: The Confederacy's Largest Hospital*, by Carol C. Green, was a concise resource (200 pages in softcover, which includes the Source Notes and book index). The author used primary source material to inform her

writing and for those interested in Civil War era medicine, the construction of the hospital and its war-time administration will prove surprising in that it was a cutting-edge hospital. The “pavilion” style construction of the hospital wards provided good ventilation, maximum air flow, and provision for dealing with soiled bedding and bandaging. The entire complex was self-sufficient, and boasted its own garden and herds of dairy cows and goats (in the early years, although by late 1864 and into 1865 most of the livestock had been slaughtered and used for food). It had a laundry, a foundry, and a laboratory in which medicines were compounded and poultices were made. I was especially interested to learn about the nursing staff, notably the contributions made by Phoebe Yates Pember and the other women who became skilled nurses, despite the social conventions of the day as well as disdain by the physicians. I recommend this book for anyone who shares my interest in medicine during the American Civil War. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well-written work about the Confederacy's largest hospital By Kathleen Pickrell This was a very well-written work! I love history, especially about nurses during the Civil War. Reading about Chimborazo changed my way of thinking about the medical care provided to the ill and injured troops. Phoebe Pember, who wrote about her experiences as matron at Chimborazo, was in an ideal position to provide information about the South's treatment of its soldiers. The Confederate Medical Department appeared not to have been hampered by bureaucracy and its medical personnel were able to provide up-to-date care. I would like to find similar works about Union hospitals. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By William J. Boothe Great book for a time when people want to rewrite history.

Chimborazo Hospital, just outside Richmond, Virginia, served as the Confederacy's largest hospital for four years. During this time, it treated nearly eighty thousand patients, boasting a mortality rate of just over 11 percent. This book, the first full-length study of a facility that was vital to the Southern war effort, tells the story of those who lived and worked at Chimborazo. Organized by Dr. James Brown McCaw, Chimborazo was an innovative hospital with well-trained physicians, efficient stewards, and a unique supply system. Physicians had access to the latest medical knowledge and specialists in Richmond. The hospital soon became a model for other facilities. The hospital's clinical reputation grew as it established connections with the Medical College of Virginia and hosted several drug and treatment trials requested by the Confederate Medical Department. In fascinating detail, Chimborazo recounts the issues, trials, and triumphs of a Civil War hospital. Based on an extensive study of hospital and Confederate Medical Department records found at the National Archives, along with other primary sources, the study includes information on the patients, hospital stewards, matrons, and slaves who served as support staff. Since Chimborazo was designated as an independent army post, the book discusses other features of its organization, staff, and supply system as well. This careful examination describes the challenges facing the hospital and reveals the humanity of those who lived and worked there.

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