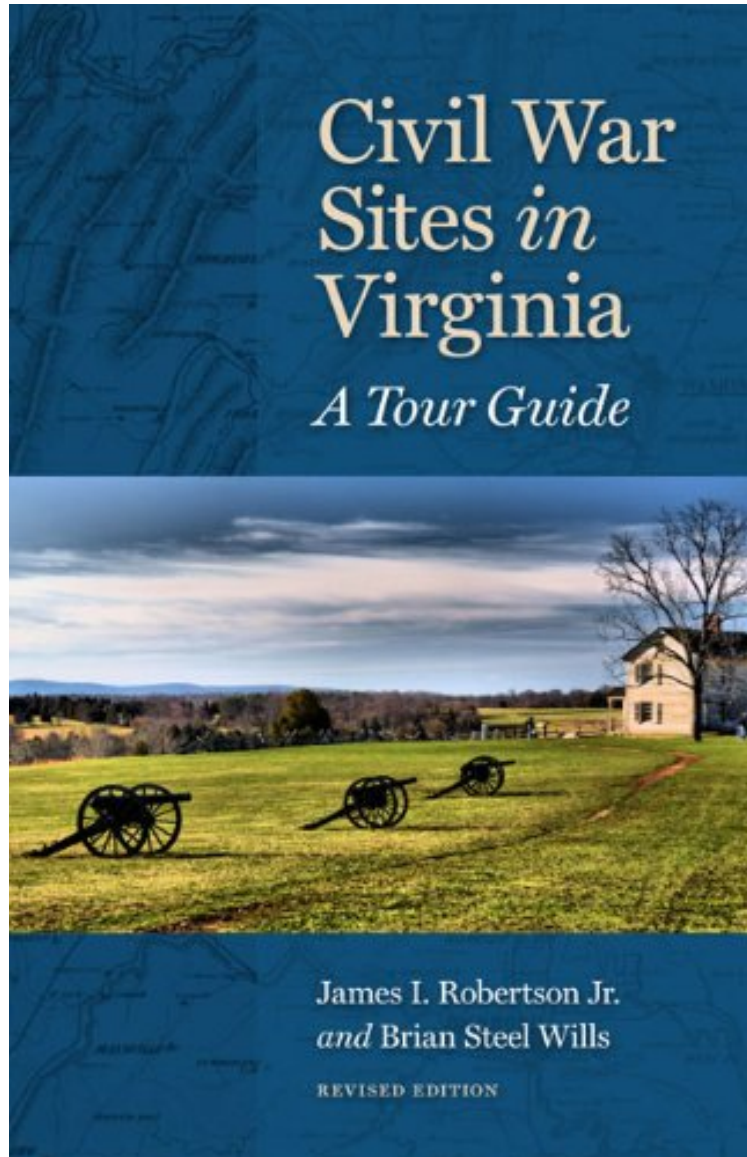


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good concise referenceBy ConsumerI purchased a number of books on touring Civil War sites as we are planning trips to do so this year and next, during the final sesquicentennial dates. It's difficult to know which will be the "best" resources and I suspect that many if not all will compliment the others. The sites books have information concisely packaged. The Road Trip Books bring an orientation to the scenes as they

exist today (as well as historical perspective) and the Day-By Day books allow another method of quick reference. I needed the maps as well to remain oriented. With all of them, I can find not only the immediate point of interest, but also the context into which the events will fit. If I had to select just one or two to concentrate upon, I would be hard pressed to decide. I am in the process of learning as much of the information as will stick. It may seem like a lot of duplicative effort, but repetition and evolving context are what helps me learn and I want to learn, to appreciate what I will be viewing. I also have purchased Shelby Foote's anthology to re-read as I had misplaced those volumes purchased when I was a kid. After seeing him in Ken Burn's *The Civil War*, I remembered how witty and enjoyable he is. All of this is available on 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... trip to explore Virginia Civil War sites and this wonderful book has given me much to choose from. By Andrinal am planning a driving trip to explore Virginia Civil War sites and this wonderful book has given me much to choose from, A great purchase. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By sandpebblethanks

Since 1982, the renowned Civil War historian James I. "Bud" Robertson's *Civil War Sites in Virginia: A Tour Guide* has enlightened and informed Civil War enthusiasts and scholars alike. The book expertly explores the commonwealth's Civil War sites for those hoping to gain greater insight and understanding of the conflict. But in the years since the book's original publication, accessibility to many sites and the interpretive material available have improved dramatically. In addition, new historical markers have been erected, and new historically significant sites have been developed, while other sites have been lost to modern development or other encroachments. The historian Brian Steel Wills offers here a revised and updated edition that retains the core of the original guide, with its rich and insightful prose, but that takes these major changes into account, introducing especially the benefits of expanded interpretation and of improved accessibility. The guide incorporates new information on the lives of a broad spectrum of soldiers and citizens while revisiting scenes associated with the eras' most famous personalities. New maps and a list of specialized tour suggestions assist in planning visits to sites, while three dozen illustrations, from nineteenth-century drawings to modern photographs, bring the war and its impact on the Old Dominion vividly to life. With the sesquicentennial remembrances of the American Civil War heightening interest and spurring improvements, there may be no better time to learn about and visit these important and moving sites than now.

This revised edition of *Civil War Sites in Virginia: A Tour Guide* by James I. Robertson, Jr., updated with new art and a reader-friendly page design, is timed to coincide with the sesquicentennial. Sites and directions have been updated including walking tours (John Selby, Roanoke College, author of *Virginians at War: The Civil War Experiences of Seven Young Confederates*). About the Author: James I. Robertson Jr. is Alumni Distinguished Professor in History at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is the author or editor of more than twenty books, including such award-winning studies as *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*, and *Soldiers Blue and Gray*. Brian Steel Wills is Director and Professor of History at the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era at Kennesaw State University. He is the author of *Gone with the Glory: The Civil War in Cinema* and *The War Hits Home: The Civil War in Southeastern Virginia* (Virginia).