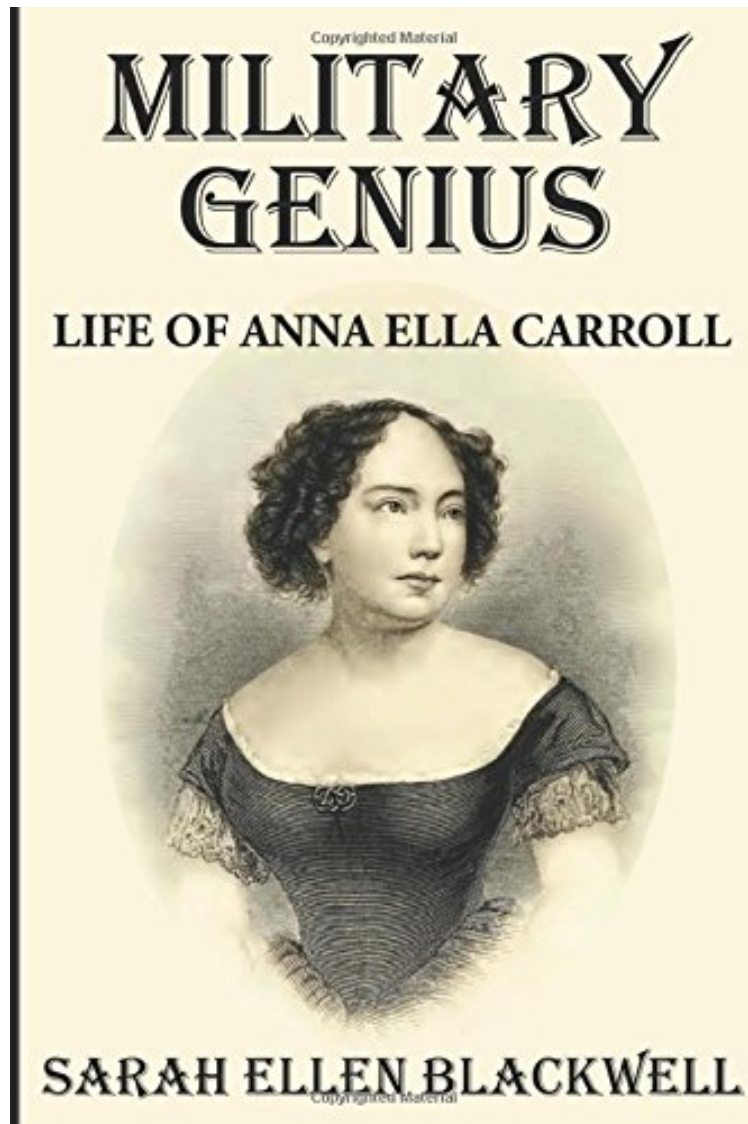


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Enlightening Despite Being InaccurateBy BeauThis is a fascinating book, not because the basic assertions of the author and Ms. Carroll are correct, but because those claims can be so easily discredited and yet still retain the ability to motivate people to action. To this day, there remains a core of loyal Anna Ella Carroll advocates who wish to give her a larger role in history than she actually deserves.The most fundamental assertion of this book is that Anna Ella Carroll was the author of the Union strategy to push down the

Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers instead of focusing on the Mississippi as originally outlined in Scott's "Anaconda Plan". How she researched the problems associated with Scott's plan and then arrived at her independent recommendation makes for fascinating reading. Her personal initiative and military insight are both commendable. The claim that her gender was an unwarranted and possibly the deciding reason for her exclusion from the highest level of government policy making need not be debated. Nonetheless, her claim of authorship of the strategy is undercut in her own account of its genesis. Her own timetable ignores the fact that U.S. Grant had already seized the key to the puzzle, Paducah, Kentucky in September of 1861. It also ignores the fact that the only reason this had not been held earlier was that to do so would have alienated Kentuckians to the point of secession. The very day that the South seized Columbus on the Mississippi, Grant moved on Paducah. It's been a while since I read this book, but I believe her memo was sent in January of '62. My advice is to read this book not to become a support of Mr. Carroll's inflated claims, but to gain insight into how someone of her social standing had so much influence on public opinion and public policy. Her contributions to the concept of presidential war powers make her historically important. This book led me far deeper into my study of the Civil War than I ever intended to go. For that reason alone, I heartily recommend it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Truth like justice delayed is truth and justice denied. By Frank Hatch. History of the greatest conflict waged by the United States that cost the lives of 600,000 men and women plus hundreds of thousands of people injured along with the loss of thousands of civilians was brought to a conclusion by the success of the Northern States due to the contributions of highly dedicated and intelligent woman who has gone unheralded and unpaid for her unselfish contributions to the Northern States cause. MAY TRUTH AND JUSTICE PREVAIL AT LAST. AMEN 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well done. By Charlie C. Excellent the information is amazing and gives a new twist to the historical record.

Her room was lined with military maps, her tables covered with papers and war documents. She would talk of nothing but the war. Her countenance would light up most radiantly as she spoke of the Union victories and the certainty that the nation must win an ultimate success. Born to plantation life and privilege, Anna Ella Carroll became involved in politics early (her father was Governor Thomas King Carroll of Maryland). Upon the election of Abraham Lincoln, she freed her slaves and when war came, she began the work which brought her into a close working relationship with Lincoln. Her plans for the Tennessee River campaign and the victory at Vicksburg are unknown to most Americans but they were adopted by the Lincoln administration and helped lead to victory. As one who knew her wrote: "Miss Carroll had written the great and influential pamphlets of the day which ought to have made her a minister of state. She had devised the military movements that ought to have given her a very high military rank." Late in life, unmarried and ill, she petitioned the government for a pension. That story is also included here.