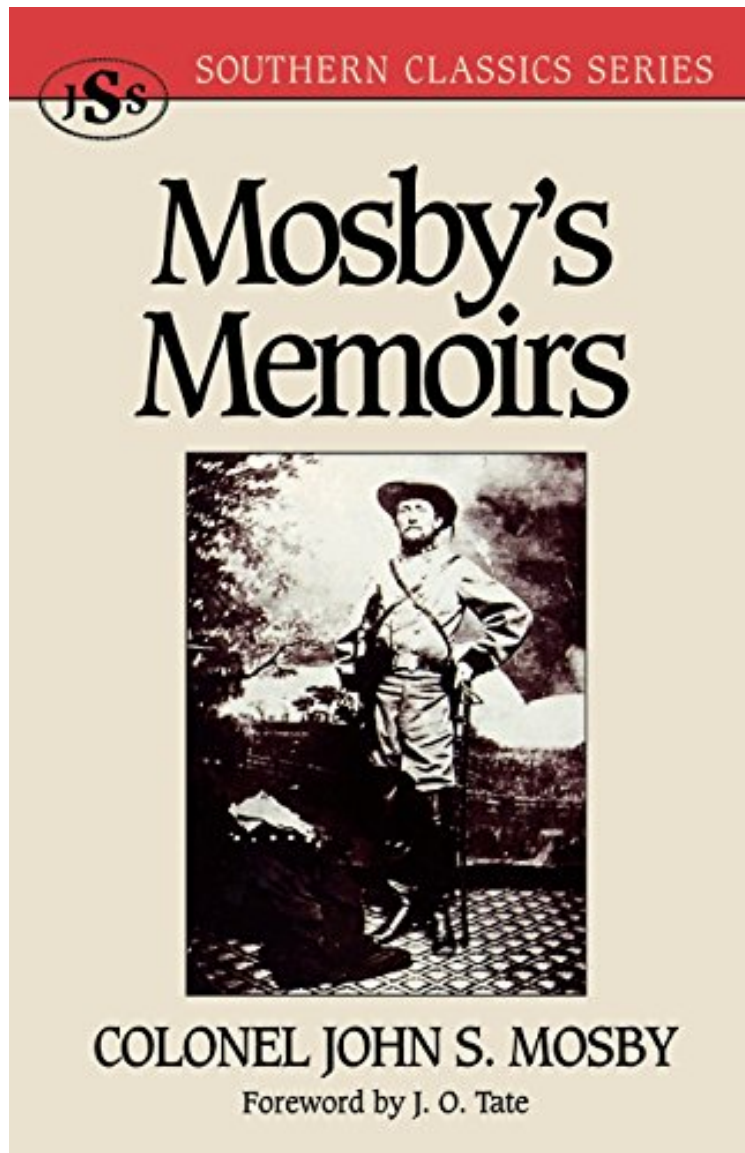


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**John S. Mosby : Mosby's Memoirs (Southern Classics Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mosby's Memoirs (Southern Classics Series):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good story.....poor format.By ButchieI purchased the Kindle format of this book and, as with many other reviewers, was disappointed with the Ebook format. The text was replete with typos, symbols and complete omissions. In many cases, footnotes were inserted into the text with no indication that they were not part of the narrative. The absence of ANY maps made it difficult for the reader to appreciate the

description of troop movements. This was particularly frustrating when trying to understand the discussion about Stuart's movements in the Gettysburg campaign. I would have been lost without my West Point Atlas of the Civil War. That being said, Mosby's story was exciting and very informative. Until I read this book, I had little appreciation of his many and varied contributions to the Confederacy and the ANV. I was a little surprised, and disappointed, to read the allegations that Lee's aides, Marshall, Long and Taylor, falsified reports and letters to protect Lee and disparage Stuart. The book is a "must read" for Civil War buffs. I'd investigate the paper formats before buying. The may be better edited, and contain maps

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. John Mosby's memoirs reveal the loyal Virginia partisan was not enthusiastic about slavery or secession

By Marvin K. Collison

In addition to providing insights on one of the most effective Confederate special operations and guerrilla efforts, Col. John S. Mosby's memoirs reveal some surprising beliefs possessed by a hardcore Southern partisan. As a reader would expect, Mosby gives worthwhile details about specific fights he was involved in as well as the tactics he employed. He also relates personal anecdotes about key Confederates he fought for, most notably Army of Northern Virginia cavalry commander Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and Gen. Robert E. Lee. The most unexpected aspects of his memoirs are the regrets he has about slavery which he illustrates with some bad memories from his childhood; one unpleasant memory concerned how a black friend and playmate was humiliated by white children who "sold" him in a pretend slave auction. Mosby is also highly critical of demagogue pushers of secession in the antebellum South. Equally interesting is his account of his reconciliation to former Union Army enemies.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Historical Clarity Given To Civil War Events

By James S. Ford

Col. John S. Mosby, AKA The Gray Ghost, rose through the ranks of the Confederate States Army from his enlistment as private to ultimately commanding eight brigades of cavalry. He conducted asymmetrical warfare behind the Union Army of General Sheridan for over two years, capturing over thousand men, horses, mules, supply wagons, and destroying railroads, equipment, and communications. Much is written just as he experienced it but official letters from his superiors and his Union opponents reveal the true effects of his outstanding leadership under incredible disadvantages. Mosby does not brag about his exploits that were truly heroic, but gives much credit to the men he trained and led into battle for his successes. He also goes to great lengths to absolve the reputation of his mentor, Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, who was falsely accused of disobeying Gen. Robert E. Lee's orders at Gettysburg.

The Confederate guerrilla cavalry chieftain relates the history of his daredevil command in this memoir. "No other figure of the Civil War became during his lifetime such a storybook legend as John Mosby."?Edmund Wilson. Southern Classics Series.

From the Back Cover

Colonel John S. Mosby was one of the Confederacy's most effective and colorful cavalry leaders. Operating in Northern Virginia near Washington, D.C., Mosby's independent command waged guerrilla war behind Federal lines in what came to be called "Mosby's Confederacy". Mosby's Memoirs were written toward the end of his life and were published posthumously in 1917.

About the Author

John Singleton Mosby (1833-1916) studied at the University of Virginia and was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1854. Upon the secession of Virginia he entered the Confederate military service and subsequently formed an independent cavalry unit which operated behind Union lines in a region that came to be known as "Mosby's Confederacy." After the war, Mosby held several U.S. Government posts, including a consulship in Hong Kong.