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No single battalion was more feared during the Civil War than the 43rd Battalion of Virginia Cavalry. As one contemporary said, "They had...all the glamour of Robin Hood...all the courage and bravery of the ancient crusaders." Better known as Mosby's Rangers, they were an elite guerilla unit that operated with stunning success in northern Virginia and Maryland from 1863 to the last days of the war.

.com Confederate cavalry leader John Mosby is among the most romantic characters in the Civil War, and with good reason. From 1863 to the end of the conflict, Mosby's raiders were a constant headache for the North. Although more than 1,000 men served under Mosby, they usually acted in small detachments of several dozen, sacking supply depots, attacking railroads, and harassing federal troops. They seemed to move behind enemy lines almost at will, and in what is perhaps their most celebrated exploit, a handful of them led by Mosby himself rode into Fairfax Station, Virginia, in the dead of the night and kidnapped a Union general. When they were not on missions, Mosby's riders simply melted into the countryside, finding safe haven in the homes of sympathetic civilians. Theirs was a guerilla war. The frustrated North eventually assigned a special contingent of cavalry to combat them, and a price was ultimately put on Mosby's head. Nobody reined him in, however, and his command enjoyed the proud distinction of never having formally surrendered to the bluecoats. Shortly after Appomattox, Mosby simply disbanded his unit. This is another fine book from the prolific Civil War historian Jeffrey D. Wert, who hardly could have picked a more intriguing subject. --John J. MillerFrom Publishers WeeklyIn 1863, John Singleton Mosby and his band of irregulars, recruited in Union-occupied northern Virginia, began raiding Yankee outposts, wagon trains, troop detachments, headquarters and railroad lines. Their most celebrated exploit: capturing a Union general behind enemy lines without firing a shot. After each sortie, the Confederate guerrillas would hide in "safe houses" provided by the citizens of two northern Virginia counties. Mosby was captured once (and exchanged) and wounded several times, but continued to plan and personally lead guerrilla raids throughout the final two years of the war. Wert (From Winchester to Cedar Creek) has written the first comprehensive study of Mosby's Rangers and offers new material about its organization, membership and tactics, plus biographical information about Mosby himself. He reveals that the partisan band rarely exceeded 200, that a large percentage of them were teenagers, that the civilians who sheltered them paid a high price in Yankee retribution. Well-researched, objectively written, this is a first-class history. Photos. First serial to Civil War Times Illustrated; History Book Club main selection. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalPerhaps no figures of the Civil War have been surrounded with more romanticism than John S. Mosby and his band of rebel rangers. Formed in mid-1863, Mosby's partisans confounded all Union attempts to destroy them, and for 28 months supplied Lee with priceless intelligence while wreaking havoc behind federal lines in northern Virginia. In telling anew Mosby's story, Wert has drawn extensively on previously neglected primary sources and provided a balanced history of the famous battalion. Although acknowledging that Mosby and the rangers were "among some of the finest guerrillas in history," Wert avoids attributing monumental importance to them. They did not prolong the war nor siphon off thousands of Union troops. In the long run they simply increased the harshness and cost of the conflict. This book sets new standards for such studies; it is essential for scholars but great for general readers too. History Book Club main selection.- Thomas E. Schott, Office of History, 17th Air Force, Sembach AB, GermanyCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.