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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good for Genealogy, Otherwise not HistoricalBy David M. DoughertyThe historical "facts" in this little volume simply aren't factual. The author seems to have taken Wheeler's absurd boasts in "Campaigns of Wheeler and his Cavalry" and gone him one better. So many wrong statements, dates wrong, etc., I don't know where to begin. For example, supposedly the arrival of infantry saved Kilpatrick at Monroe's Crossroads. Well, it was a dismounted regiment of Kilpatrick's (400 men) that had been issued muskets, so were mistaken by Hampton for infantry. Nor did the rear guard of the 1st Brigade "not make it" to the bridge over Buckhead Creek. They certainly did. And Wheeler never broke Kilpatrick's line at Reynolds's Plantation -- quite the contrary, Wheeler's men were slaughtered by the Spencer carbines and rifles in Kilpatrick's command. Even Wheeler's boast that Kilpatrick never left the protection of the infantry after Reynolds's Plantation was proven false. Not only did Kilpatrick severely beat Wheeler at the 2nd Battle of Waynesboro without an infantryman firing a shot, but Kilpatrick once again fought Wheeler at Aiken, South Carolina, without infantry being closer than 40 miles. Sorry, but there are too many errors in this book to be taken seriously. I could go on and on, but what's the point?Recommended only for genealogists due to the rosters the book contains. Hopefully no one will ever use this book for historical reference.0 of

0 people found the following review helpful. A hard fighting cavalry regiment from Arkansas By Joe Owen Major Calvin L. Collier published this book about the 3rd Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry in 1965. This interesting book tells about the history of this hard fighting Arkansas Cavalry Regiment that fought in the Army of Tennessee (CSA) and left behind a record of bravery and tenacity within the armies of Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joseph Wheeler. First, as infantry they helped capture a union artillery battery during the bloody Battle of Corinth, then later they learned the hard lesson of close quarter combat while being a part of the armies of General Van Dorn and General Forrest. The regiment fought at the battles of Holly Springs, Thompson's Station, and the devastating Battle of Franklin under the leadership of General John Bell Hood. Earlier in the book, Major Collier describes the transfer of the regiment to General Joseph Wheeler in 1863. This began the career of the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry smashing railroads, and bridges and wrecking havoc among the Federal mounted formations that made them favorites of the "War Child" General Wheeler. The cavalry did suffer numerous casualties of war due to their hard fighting and charging the Federal lines. Major Collier in the closing chapters gives the complete muster rolls of the 3rd Cavalry plus the parole list of those who surrendered with General Joseph Johnston in North Carolina in 1865. Major Collier is the author of "They'll Do To Tie To" which is about the history of the famous 3rd Arkansas Infantry which fought in the Army of Northern Virginia, and also is the author of "First In-Last Out" about the Capital Guards that fought in the Western Theatre of the Civil War. "The War Child's Children" completes the trilogy of the history of famous Arkansas Regiments that fought for the Confederacy of the Civil War. These books together tell the fascinating history of the soldiers of Arkansas and their contributions and sacrifices that were made during the Civil War. This is a good read and is an added plus to anyone interested in the Western Theatre of the Civil War and the history of the brigades under General Van Dorn, Wheeler, Forrest, and Johnson.