

## Good Books About the Battle of Gettysburg

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**Bellah, James Warner. SOLDIERS' BATTLE: GETTYSBURG. New York: (1962). 1st ed., 204p., maps.** A compelling account, focusing on the personal experiences of private soldiers. Very good, d.j.  
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**Bigelow, John. THE PEACH ORCHARD AT GETTYSBURG, JULY 2, 1863. EXPLAINED BY OFFICIAL REPORTS AND MAPS. Minneapolis: 1910. 1st ed., 57p., maps, fold. maps.** An attempt to have a lane at Gettysburg renamed "Hunt Avenue" in honor of General Henry J. Hunt, Chief of Artillery, Army of the Potomac. V.g.  
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**Boritt, Gabor S., ed. THE GETTYSBURG NOBODY KNOWS. Oxford: 1997. 2nd printing, 270p.** "Fascinated by the battle since boyhood, I have been reading books about Gettysburg since I was eight. Not since I first knew the basic outlines of the battle have I learned so much from one book as I have from Gabor S. Boritt's THE GETTYSBURG NOBODY KNOWS." - Russel F. Weigley. The latest edition in Boritt's "Gettysburg Civil War Institute Books" includes contributions by: Joseph T. Glatthaar, on "The Common Soldier's Gettysburg Campaign"; Harry W. Pfantz, on Ewell's conduct during the battle; Kent Gramm, on "Lee, Longstreet, Sickles, and the First Minnesota Volunteers"; Emory Thomas, on J.E.B. Stuart during the campaign; Carol Reardon on "The Pickett's Charge Nobody Knows"; and much more. "Fresh, original, outstanding." - D. Scott Hartwig, Historian, Gettysburg National Military Park. Lightly smoked stained; else v.g.; d.j.  
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