THE COMPLETE GETTYSBURG GUIDE: Walking and Driving Tours of the Battlefield, Town, Cemeteries, Field Hospital Sites, and other Topics of Historical Interest by J. David Petruzzi

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- Detailed driving and walking tours of the entire battlefield (including obscure sites that even veteran visitors miss or never hear about); - A tour of every identified field hospital site for both armies; - Tours of the National Cemetery and the towns Evergreen Cemetery; - A tour of the town of Gettysburg, including sites of historical interest before and after the battle; - Outlying battlefields including the June 26, 1863 skirmish site, East Cavalry Field, South Cavalry Field, Hunterstown, Hanover, and Fairfield; - And a special tour of the various rock carvings on the battlefield, many of which were created by returning veterans and pre-date most of the monuments.

Every student of Gettysburg, novice and expert alike, will want to learn from, enjoy, and treasure The Complete Gettysburg Guide. No visitor to Gettysburg will want to be without it.

About the Authors: J. David Petruzzi is widely recognized as one of the country's leading Gettysburg experts. In addition to his numerous articles for a wide variety of publications, he is the author (with Eric Wittenberg) of bestsellers Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Jeb Stuarts Controversial Ride to Gettysburg (Savas Beatie, 2006) and (with Wittenberg and Michael Nugent) One Continuous Fight: The Retreat From Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lees Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863 (Savas Beatie, 2008). Petruzzi is also a popular speaker on the Civil War Roundtable circuit and regularly conducts tours of Civil War battlefields.

Steven Stanley lives in Gettysburg and is a graphic artist specializing in historical map design and battlefield photography. His maps, considered among the best in historical cartography, have been a longtime staple of the Civil War Preservation Trust and have helped raised millions of dollars for the Trust through their preservation appeals and interpretation projects. Steve's maps have appeared in a wide variety of publications.

REVIEWS

Together, the text and maps contained in The Complete Gettysburg Guide create one of the most useful and comprehensive guides of Americas largest and bloodiest battlefield available today.Eric A. Campbell, Park Ranger-Historian, Gettysburg National Military Park

The Complete Gettysburg Guide has something for everyone, whether they are a serious student of the battle or visiting the battlefield for the first time. The easy-to-understand guidebook not only provides readers with a comprehensive history of the battle, but also enables visitors to see some of the unusual or often overlooked features the National Park has to offer. Further, the accompanying images and well-researched maps bring the 3-
day struggle to life for the modern battlefield traveler. Jim Campi, Policy and Communications Director, Civil War Preservation Trust

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As many reviews of this book have noted, using the word complete in a book title naturally throws up red flags for readers. The Complete Gettysburg Guide is one of those rare titles which live up to the high aspirations set by such an audacious title. Many Gettysburg books are tours of the battlefield action only. Co-contributors Petruzzi and Stanley have joined forces to provide readers with a book which delves deeper into this most famous of Civil War battlefields.

J. David Petruzzi is by now well-known among both Gettysburg and Civil War enthusiasts, co-authoring books on J.E.B. Stuarts ride to Gettysburg and the Confederate retreat after the battle with Eric Wittenberg. He is a long-time Gettysburg enthusiast who has visited the battlefield numerous times, making him a well-suited candidate to write this type of in depth tour guide title.

Steven Stanley, the cartographer/photographer for this the book, is equally well-suited to the task. He lives in Gettysburg, has had his maps appear in Americas Civil War and Hallowed Ground magazines, and has been a student of the Civil War his entire adult life.

The Complete Gettysburg Guide is a hefty book for its size, well made and designed to last divided up into various tours, allowing the purchaser to decide which tours they want to take on a given trip to the battlefield. In addition to the usual battlefield tours, of which there are six in this volume, Petruzzi and Stanley also offer tours of the town itself, two cemeteries, the field hospitals erected after the battle and (my personal favorite) a tour of the rock carvings present on the battlefield. This last tour offers readers the opportunity to explore a feature of the battlefield rarely seen by the general public.

Each tour offers standard text penned by Petruzzi, tour directions on a green background, numerous maps, photos, and illustrations, and Did You Know? tidbits offering fascinating facts pertaining to each specific tour. The main text goes into the proper amount of detail, keeping veteran Gettysburg students interested while effectively introducing the battle to those new to the subject. The book is gorgeously laid out, with the maps and illustrations adding to the value of the book both aesthetically and by complementing the main text with more information. Tour maps show modern roads and mark out each tour stop with a circle. Maps showing troops movements include scale, different colors for the opposing armies,
Steven Stanley's photos show the battlefield today from a variety of angles and in all seasons.

Some typos were noted, especially on the maps, something which future editions of the book should correct. I would have liked to have seen a spiral bound edition of this book for actually tramping the battlefield. As a collector, I will not be bringing this exceedingly handsome copy with me to Gettysburg. Currently the only solution is to buy a second hardcover copy, something not everyone can afford and one which is far from ideal.

A nice addition and one which more authors should utilize is a web site for the book, [...] , offering updates, supplements, and many other interactive features.

The Complete Gettysburg Guide is sure to please Gettysburg battlefield trampers and others interested in the Battle of Gettysburg, including everything associated with that massive and devastating event. The book goes beyond the battlefield, offering tours of other topics such as field hospitals, cemeteries, and the town of Gettysburg. Future authors of books in the Civil War tour guide genre would do well to emulate the format used in this book. This book truly is as complete as anyone touring the battlefield and surrounding areas could realistically want. Highly recommended!

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