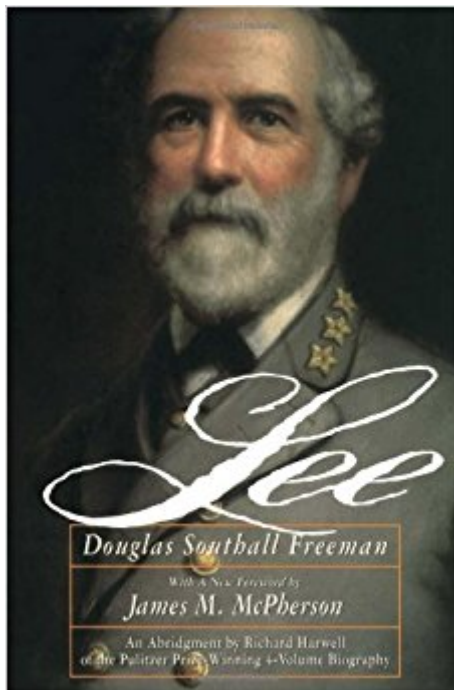


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Synopsis

Douglas Southall Freeman's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Robert E. Lee was greeted with critical acclaim when it was first published in 1935. This reissue chronicles all the major aspects and highlights of the general's military career, from his stunning accomplishments in the Mexican War to the humbling surrender at Appomattox. More than just a military leader, Lee embodied all the conflicts of his time. The son of a Revolutionary War hero and related by marriage to George Washington, he was the product of young America's elite. When Abraham Lincoln offered him command of the United States Army, however, he chose to lead the confederate ranks, convinced that his first loyalty lay with his native Virginia. Although a member of the planter class, he felt that slavery was "a moral and political evil." Aloof and somber, he nevertheless continually inspired his men by his deep concern for their personal welfare. Freeman's biography is the full portrait of a great American—a distinguished, scholarly, yet eminently readable classic that has linked Freeman to Lee as irrevocably as Boswell to Dr. Johnson.

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Douglas Southall Freeman, the son of a Confederate soldier, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1886. He was commissioned to write a one-volume biography of Lee in 1915, but his research and writings over two decades produced four large volumes. Freeman won another Pulitzer Prize for his six-volume definitive biography of George Washington. He died in 1953.

A great bio on Gen. Lee..... Probably the most accurate since it was written in the early 20th century when first hand confederate eye witnesses were still living...A must read.....

well written and informative. Freeman does research justice to his subjects. Enjoyed this viewpoint

Freeman's work on Lee is the seminal volume to get if you want to know Lee. Unlike some who have sought to revise Lee by penning what they think he thinking, Freeman goes to original sources on this great American Hero.

I really love this book. It gives a presentation of Lee that truly digs deeper into the wisdom and strength that made General Lee one of the great military figures of the time. Well written and not burdened with a lot of senseless details.

Outstanding work on a wonderful Christian gentleman! It is an outstanding glimpse into the heart of a very humble man who above all else, considered faith, honor and duty his first calling.

As an avid reader and lover of history, this book was quite informative and gave me a great deal of insight into the man who had a lot of tough decisions to make - from leaving his beloved Country to side with his beloved State.

Mr Freeman's book shows us the Man not just the General. The trials and tribulations of his campaign's and how he dealt with especially his defeat at Appomattox are an inspiration for everyone.

The author has given history lovers a good solid segment, without which one cannot understand the Civil War. It was a plus for the Union to know it had an honorable enemy. Lee had few faults, either as a general or as a man, and the author uncovers what we may understand to be the real person.

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