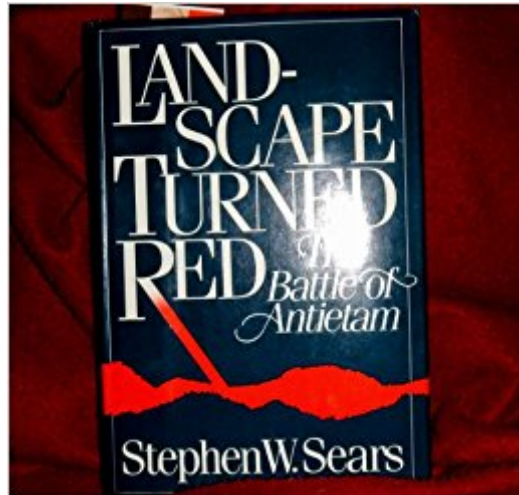




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# Landscape Turned Red : The Battle Of Antietam



## Synopsis

The Civil War battle waged on September 17, 1862, at Antietam Creek, Maryland, was one of the bloodiest in the nation's history: on this single day, the battle claimed nearly 23,000 casualties. In *Landscape Turned Red*, the renowned historian Stephen Sears draws on a remarkable cache of diaries, dispatches, and letters to recreate the vivid drama of Antietam as experienced not only by its leaders but also by its soldiers, both Union and Confederate. Combining brilliant military analysis with narrative history of enormous power, *Landscape Turned Red* is the definitive work on this climactic and bitter struggle. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I haven't read every book on the battle of Antietam, but I would be surprised if I ever find one better than this one. Sears has a powerful narrative voice and did a masterful job telling this story of one of the most pivotal battles of the war. Really, this is a book of the first year and a half of the war, a history of the Army of the Potomac under George McClellan. It starts with background and context, which includes the outbreak of war, McClellan's rise to command, the Peninsula Campaign, and finally the battle of Antietam. Battle histories can be complex and confusing. Sears does well in telling this story in a clear, logical way. He is balanced in giving perspective to both North and South, though so much focus is given to the failed leadership of George McClellan (and Lincoln's hope of issuing his Emancipation Proclamation) that at times the book as a whole tips to a mostly northern perspective. The book finishes with the failure of McClellan to follow-up this

victory-by-default and his dismissal from command. Sears also gives significant treatment to the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation, reactions to it, and its impact. Both within the book and in the appendix. The same goes for the lost order 191, who knew about it and when, and how it was used (or not used) by McClellan. Overall, this is an essential book, not just for understanding the events of the battle, but the context and significance of it.

Stephen Sears book "Landscape Turned Red" provides an excellent work about the Maryland Campaign of 1862. The South Mountain battles and the bloodiest day of the Civil War "Antietam". Sears work of the Battle of Antietam provides good reading and concise information of this important campaign.

Unbelievable book on the Battle of Antietam, the single bloodiest day of any war the U.S. has fought. Despite the poor leadership of General George McClellan the Union was still able to inflict a large number of casualties on the Confederacy. McClellan allowing the confederacy to withdraw from Sharpsburg without pursuit enabled the south to live and fight another day.

Mr Sears does an excellent job of researching the archives to complete a thorough examination of such a pivotal battle. He does an amazing job of staying as neutral as possible in regards to facts. He does not allow hindsight to have an influence on showing how this battle came to pass as such. His writing is style makes the reader feel like they are a part of the events. All of his works I have read and highly recommend.

Sears does a very good job of describing the situations during the battle. He covers Lincoln, the Sec of War and others areas of the war on the easstern front.

one of the best Civil War books I've ever read. My great, great grandfather fought at Antietam with the 47th Alabama. After reading Landscape, I could, and intend to soon, walk is footsteps throughout the battlefield. The author is THAT good with the details.

I haven't read this book yet but I have read many other books by S. W. Sears and enjoy his writing style, his intensive research and the way his books are laid out. I have many other books I would like to have by reviewing his notes and bibliography he includes with-in his books.

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