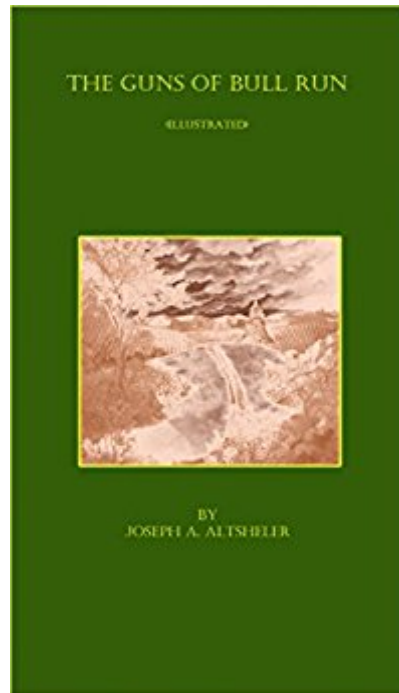




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The Guns Of Bull Run (Illustrated)



Synopsis

Harry heard them distinctly and he and his comrade lay more closely than ever in the bushes, because the horsemen, a numerous body, as the heavy tread indicated, were passing very near. The two lads presently saw them riding four abreast toward the campfire, and Harry surmised that they had been scouting in strong force toward the Southern front. They were large men, deep with tan and riding easily. Harry judged their number at two hundred, and the tail of the company would pass alarmingly near the bushes in which his comrade and he lay. "Don't you think we'd better creep back?" he whispered to St. Clair. "Some of them taking a short cut may ride right upon us." "Yes, it's time to make ourselves scarce." They turned back, going as rapidly as they dared, but that which Harry had feared came to pass. The rear files of the horsemen, evidently intending to go to the other side of the camp, rode through the low bushes. Four of them passed so near the boys that they caught in the moonlight a glimpse of the two stooping figures.

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Customer Reviews

I've never read anything like this before because, frankly I was never interested. I acquired this for homeschooling and decided to read it. I really enjoyed it. The writing is a little dated, yet enjoyable. The reasons for the Confederate support of the war are never mentioned, but in a way that is the story of Harry. He was swept up in the idea of going to battle and he was his father's son.

A good way to get learn about the early days of the Civil War from the personal viewpoint of a fictional Southerner's viewpoint. The writing is simple, clear, and easy to follow, an unusual quality in today's reading. I look at it as an useful complement to my collection of Civil War non-fiction. Its not "The Killer Angels" but it does help understand what it would be like day to day to be involved in the start of this major war.

Although basically written for a young audience (through teenhood), "The Guns of Bull Run" will captivate readers of almost any age who enjoy high adventure and good historical settings. Although it's basically a good book, the battle sequences are broad and general and don't really give one much of a feel or flavor of what it must have been like to fight in a Civil War battle. The reader should also be wary of some historical fudging by the author. He speaks of Wheeling being in West Virginia before that part of the state seceded from Virginia, and of a young Confederate scout viewing the massive dome of the Capitol in Washington in June 1861 -- before the dome was completed!! Still, a good read if you don't read too closely.

An excellent story of the back ground of Bull Run. I am not an expert on the Civil War but everyone should read this I highly recommend Altsheler's series. I have only been aware of this author for the past year, but have read several of his works and enjoyed them all .I'm looking forward to reading the entire Civil Was series.,

Educational, well-written book on the lead-up to our tragic civil war. Illustrates how friends and families were torn apart by the war. A good read.

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