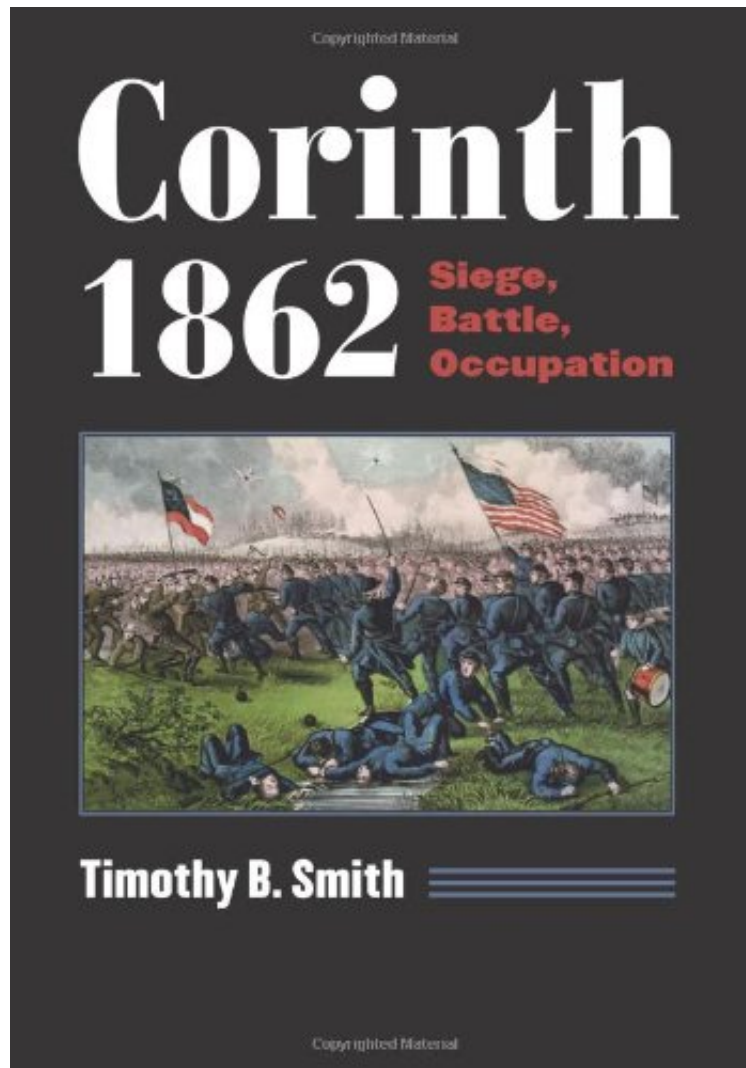


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Timothy B. Smith : Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation (Modern War Studies) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation (Modern War Studies):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. This is the most complete History of Corinth, MS in the Civil War ever written. By Stephen E. Williams Corinth, Mississippi was a strategic location of major importance during the Civil War yet the Siege of Corinth gets only a mention in most Civil War histories. The far better known Battle of Shiloh was a preemptive strike on Union troops massing to capture the railroad junction of Corinth. The "Siege of Corinth" that followed had very few casualties as Beauregard slipped away from the massive Army that Halleck amassed to

surround him. Most deaths were from contaminated water and poor food rather than a battle that excited the imaginations of newspaper reporters and historians so the Siege of Corinth usually receives little coverage relative to its importance. Tim Smith, a former park staff member at the Shiloh Battle field, gives the Siege detailed coverage in about 100 pages of his 314 page book (excluding references, index, etc.) and the quality of his writing actually makes it interesting reading. The far bloodier Battle of Corinth and the nearby battle of Iuka are given excellent coverage in detail as well, as is the Union occupation of Corinth and its effect on the people of the town. This is a well-written, well-documented book that is easy to read. It does an excellent job of tying the events in Corinth into the political and military events going on in the rest of the Union and Confederacy. I recommend it for anyone interested in the Siege, Battle and Occupation of Corinth or the Battle of Iuka. Most Civil War History books are in need of maps. Tim Smith has eight diagrammatic maps that are a great help in understanding the text, which is many more than a lot of books have. However, at least eight more would have helped. I found myself on-line looking for towns mentioned in the text. This may not be the Author's fault, maps are expensive and publishers are stingy. Still, although the number of maps is slightly less than adequate even this is a big improvement on most Civil War histories.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good summary of battles
By Jon Good summary of Corinth battles that are often overlooked due to focus on more significant battles. Interesting focus on rail center that caused Corinth to be important. Seems to be a bit to polite about Hallecks skills or lack thereof.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. As good as it gets...
By Roger Waller While no one volume can ever fully encapsulate a Civil War battle or campaign but this volume by Timothy B. Smith would seem to come as close as it's possible to get. The writing is excellent. You can immediately feel the author's command of the subject. He has covered every square foot of ground and probably understands this campaign better than anyone. This is the cornerstone, single volume, work on this subject and is likely to remain so.

In the spring of 1862, there was no more important place in the western Confederacy—perhaps in all the South—than the tiny town of Corinth, Mississippi. Major General Henry W. Halleck, commander of Union forces in the Western Theater, reported to Washington that “Richmond and Corinth are now the great strategical points of war, and our success at these points should be insured at all hazards.” In the same vein, Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard declared to Richmond that “If defeated at Corinth, we lose the Mississippi Valley and probably our cause.” Those were odd sentiments concerning a town scarcely a decade old. By this time, however, it sat at the junction of the South's two most important rail lines and had become a major strategic locale. Despite its significance, Corinth has received comparatively little attention from Civil War historians and has been largely overshadowed by events at Shiloh, Antietam, and Perryville. Timothy Smith's panoramic and vividly detailed new look at Corinth corrects that neglect, focusing on the nearly year-long campaign that opened the way to Vicksburg and presaged the Confederacy's defeat in the West. Combining big-picture strategic and operational analysis with ground-level views, Smith covers the spring siege, the vicious attacks and counterattacks of the October battle, and the subsequent occupation. He has drawn extensively on hundreds of eyewitness accounts to capture the sights, sounds, and smells of battle and highlight the command decisions of Halleck, Beauregard, Ulysses S. Grant, Sterling Price, William S. Rosecrans, and Earl Van Dorn. This is also the first in-depth examination of Corinth following the creation of a new National Park Service center located at the site. Weaving together an immensely compelling tale that places the reader in the midst of war's maelstrom, it substantially revises and enlarges our understanding of Corinth and its crucial importance in the Civil War. This book is part of the Modern War Studies series.

This is Civil War military history at its finest. --William C. Davis, author of *Lincoln's Men* and *Jefferson Davis* A splendid blending of military and social history that brings to life the tragedies and humanity of a war-torn town. --Michael B. Ballard, author of *Vicksburg: The Campaign that Opened the Mississippi* Deftly fills in the crucial gap between Shiloh and Vicksburg and does it in grand style. --William L. Shea, author of *Fields of Blood: The Prairie Grove Campaign* About the Author Timothy B. Smith is author of a half dozen books, including *Mississippi in the Civil War: The Homefront*; *Champion Hill: Decisive Battle for Vicksburg*; and *The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and the Battlefield*. He currently teaches at the University of Tennessee at Martin.