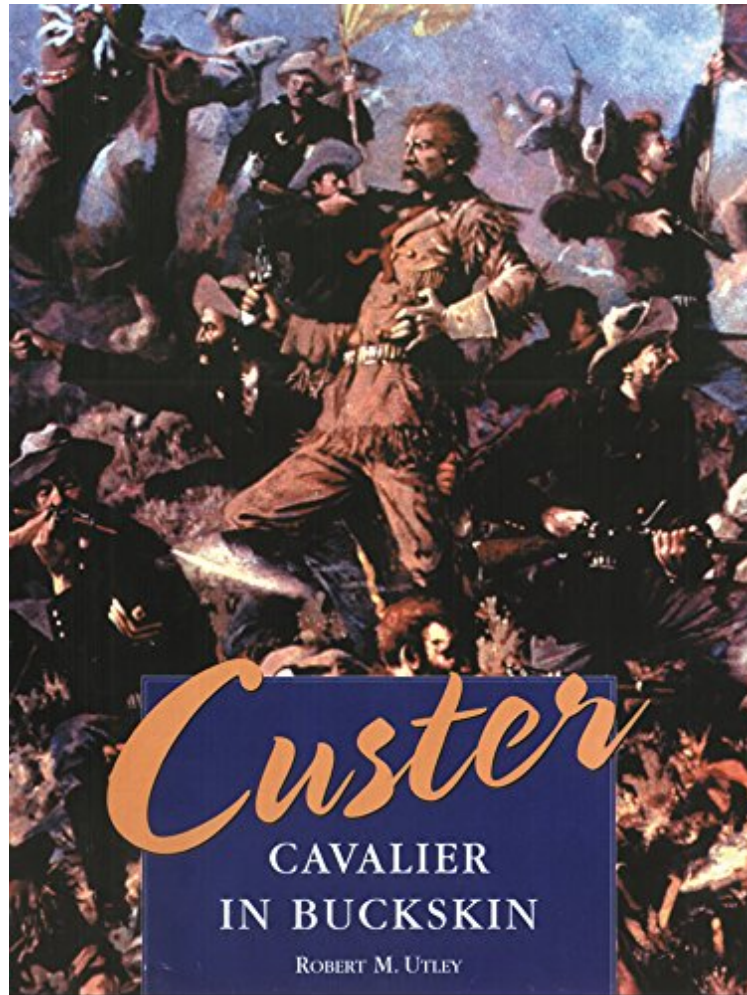


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others to charge Confederate defenses. He seemed impervious to injury. But he also played the politics of the time and his rise in the ranks of the post-Civil War Army was due in no small part to his political connections. If one has a desire to learn more about Custer, indeed, the U.S. Army in the Civil War and post Civil War period leading up to the Indian Wars, then Utley's outstanding book is the best source available. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Buy It for What It Is By kim harris This is a coffee table book (2001). The text in this large-format book can also be found in Utley's first edition book of the same name *Cavalier in Buckskin* (1988) *Cavalier in Buckskin*. The text in this newer book has been revised so it's not word-for-word compared to the first edition of *Cavalier in Buckskin*. The "coffee table" version was published 13 years after the first addition hardcover. What you get in the original is a biography of Custer with a modest amount of maps (8) and an ample number of illustrations (46). Read my review of this very good Custer biography by clicking on the hyperlink above. Read on to find out what else you get in the "big" book. Ok what is different about the large-format book compared to the first edition hardback? Two things: (1) It is a large book measuring 10 x 13 x 1/2 inches and (2) there are many more photographs in fact over 200 photographs and paintings many in color in this most recent edition published in 2001. The text has also been updated relative to the original book. So you get an updated biography about Custer and 5 times the number of photographs etc. Is it worth it? I believe so. You get Utley's latest thoughts about how the Last Stand may have played out as well as other 8 chapters as in the 1988 original devoted to all aspects of Custer's life from his days at West Point and fighting in the Civil War to his days as an Indian fighter. In addition you get all the photographs, paintings and maps. Every page has at least one photograph etc. They average 2 a page. As Tony the Tiger would say, "They're Great!" Not so great is what happened when I first opened the book. The spine split from top to bottom down the inside. I was sick. Be careful! Get this book for the photographs and other reproductions of memorabilia associated with Custer and the Last Stand. As a bonus you get Utley's well written biography of Custer. If you are primarily interested in reading Utley's excellent biography of Custer get the original version published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1988. It won't cost you as much and you will also save money because you don't have to buy a coffee table. You do know what a coffee table is, don't you? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Buy it you want information on Custer's life. By John H. Proctor Excellent book about Custer and the pictures are tremendous. Good detailed summary of the Battle of Little Big Horn

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