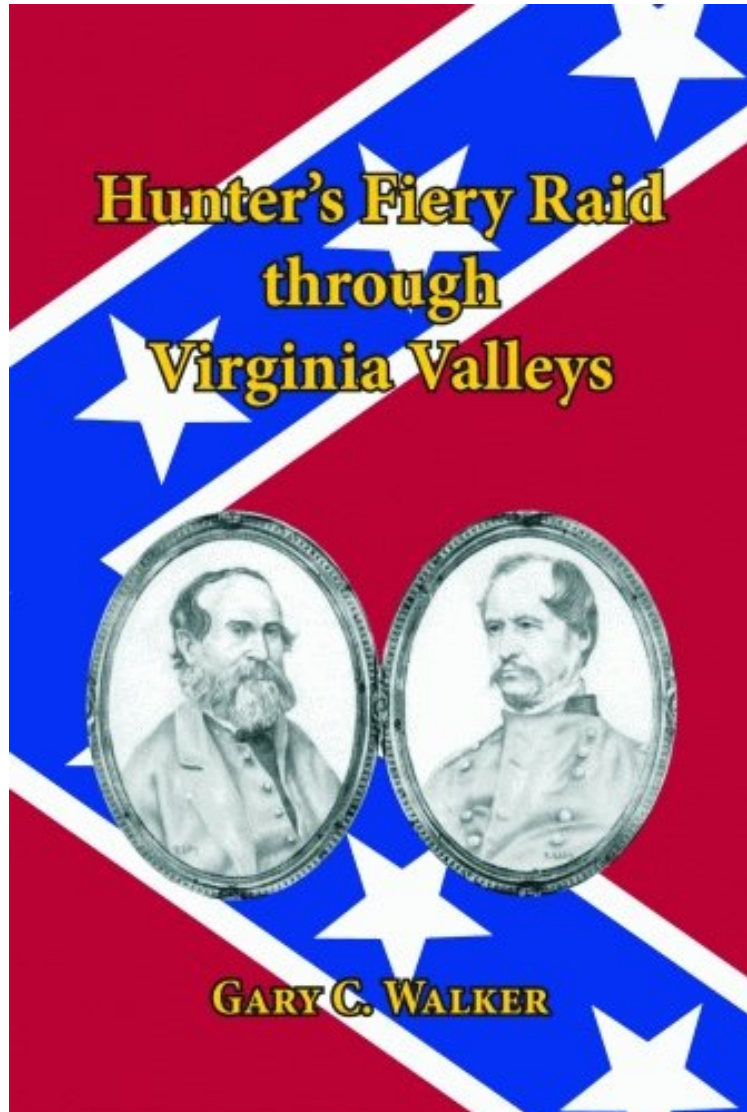


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right on the pages! I'm super excited to really get into this book and find out everything it has to offer me! Best \$3 I've ever spent!!! 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. **EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE BATTLE OF PIEDMONT INTERPRETATION** By Glenn E. Stacy I bought this book with high expectations, especially since I wanted to know more about the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. My ancestor's regiment, the 39th Tennessee Mounted Infantry was involved a lot of the fighting in key battles, including Piedmont. When I got to the section of the Battle of Piedmont, I was appalled with what the author wrote about Vaughn's Brigade and their participation in the battle or none at all, according to the author. Heck, none of the units that were part of Vaughn's Brigade are not even listed, which a few I will list here, the 39th, 1st, 43rd, 59th Tennessee Mounted Infantry, as well as others. He states that Vaughn's Brigade never budged at all, but remained still and not coming to the assistance of their fellow comrades. This is utterly false and I mean completely untrue. The author obviously did not conduct thorough research to this battle. In fact, at one point in the battle Vaughn's troops were ordered by General Jones to reinforce the left flank of the left wing, along the river bluffs, because of an imminent counter attack the Southern troops were going to employ and this is documented in several diaries. In moving from their positions from the right wing to the left wing, they were targeted by Dupont's artillery and were on the receiving end of a devastating fire that killed and wounded many. My ancestor's regiment, the 39th Tennessee Mounted Infantry was under the command of Major Robert McFarland and they brought 118 into the fight and suffered half that number in casualties. The best book on the Battle of Piedmont is Scott Patchan's, "The Final Fury". This author has done a great injustice to the men and boys, of General Vaughn's Brigade, who suffered dearly during this terrible battle. I know there are other authors who have written about this subject that also omit these brave Tennesseans and their sacrifices. Now I am not sure if I want to continue on with this book or not, because I do not know how credible and reliable it is, in telling the truth about this important campaign. I cannot recommend this book to anyone. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book is a hell of a good read By Midwest Book Review Gary Walker's book, "Hunter's Fiery Raid Through Virginia Valleys" certainly provides the reader with a plethora of information concerning the Hunter led Union attack in Virginia in May and June, 1864. I am impressed with the author's research, and his ability to capture the times. I could smell the burning homes and feel the wrath of the civilians caught in the scorched-earth policy of Union General "Black Dave" Hunter. Who can blame the civilians for fighting for home and family? General Hunter already had a history of behavior affecting the South's most treasured icon by freeing all slaves in Union hands in his command, the Department of the South, in 1862. This was later annulled by President Lincoln, stating Hunter had exceeded his authority. Hunter also sanctioned the first Negro regiment, the 1st South Carolina. Congress upheld him in this act. The Confederates labeled Hunter a felon to be executed if captured. Hunter was a hard man for the Confederates to stomach. Some people actually thought that a scorched-earth policy would shorten the war. Scorched-earth had already had a desired effect on Native Americans and affected the folks in Georgia and South Carolina. Sherman wasn't kidding when he said, "War is Hell!" Gary Walker reminds us how bad war can be, how it smells and tastes and how hard it is to forget. This book is a hell of a good read. I appreciate the education. Richard N. Larsen Reviewer

General Grant consolidated Union forces in the Shenandoah Valley and placed them under the abolitionist general, David Hunter. Hatred of the South clouded "Black Dave's" military judgment and he often rejected the advice of his generals in order to pursue his own agendas. Burning, looting, and meaningless destruction were commonplace during the reign of this sinister general's anger. A self-appointed avenger, he wantonly killed civilians without provocation, reaping his own brand of punishment on many towns. Battle locations such as Winchester, Covington, Lexington, Lynchburg, Salem, and New Castle were only some of the unfortunate recipients of his rage.

From the Inside Flap During the Civil War, the North ravaged the South's homes, land, and economy, but few men did more damage than Union major general David Hunter, who ransacked the Virginia valleys and helped ensure a Northern victory at a heavy price. Hunter was known throughout the Confederacy as the "Northern general all Southerners love to hate." He was one of the first Union commanders to use the scorched earth policy, and he destroyed countless dollars' worth of property, livestock, and crops. Driven by a hatred for the South, Hunter reaped his vengeance upon the people in the valleys of Virginia and changed the character of America's bloodiest conflict. Numerous towns and villages were looted and burned by Hunter and his men, and hundreds of Southern families were left homeless and penniless in his wake. Mortified by their commander's ruthlessness, Hunter's own soldiers nicknamed him "Black Dave." Confederate president Jefferson Davis branded Hunter a criminal and placed a bounty on his head. This is Gary C. Walker's detailed account of Hunter's raid through the valleys of Virginia. He analyzes Hunter's strategy and examines his psychological motivations in each battle, revealing the man behind the hardened general. Walker looks at the individual soldier and crying Southern belle and re-creates a world as alive and real, as frightening and beautiful, as the one Hunter destroyed long ago. [Back Flap] Gary C. Walker is the author of several Civil War books and is the only writer in the Commonwealth of Virginia to make his income writing about America's Civil War. He has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for over thirty years and has been recognized by the State of South Carolina Legislature for his many accomplishments in the Civil War field. Walker is a member

of several historic and preservation groups and often participates in Civil War reenactments. From the Back Cover Union major general David Hunter ransacked homes and left Virginia towns, colleges, and businesses in smoldering ashes. Months before Gen. William Sherman's famous March to the Sea, Hunter enforced the Union's scorched earth policy and forced Southern women and their children to watch their homes burn as their way of life collapsed. This is the complete story of "Black Dave," the Union general who terrorized the South, introducing fire and destruction in his assault on Confederate military forces and Southern civilians. Hunter fought many battles, from Winchester to Lynchburg, from the Roanoke-Salem area to West Virginia, and left the South scarred and broken in his wake. Gary C. Walker is the author of several Civil War books and has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for over thirty years. He has been recognized by the State of South Carolina Legislature for his many writings on the Civil War and often participates in reenactments. About the Author Gary C. Walker has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for over thirty years and has been recognized by the State of South Carolina Legislature for his many accomplishments in Civil War history. Walker is a member of several historic and preservation groups and often participates in Civil War reenactments. He is the author of *Civil War Tales*, *The War in Southwest Virginia: 1861-65*, *Hunter's Fiery Raid through Virginia Valleys*, *A General History of the Civil War: The Southern Point of View*, and *Son of the South*, a novel set in Civil War-era Virginia.