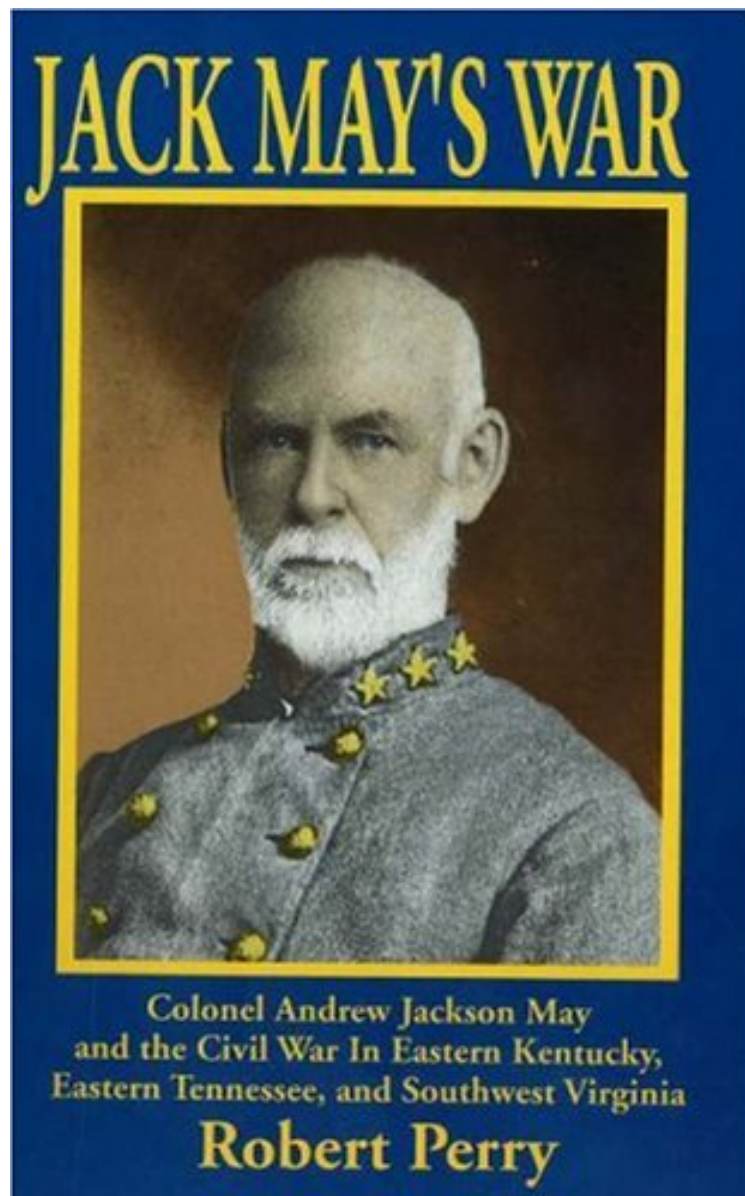


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Jack May's War is certainly an interesting book but it is not meant to be a detailed study of battles and campaigns. The book covers the entire war and no battle is given more than a few pages. On occasion Mr. Perry will not give details on an engagement saying (for example)"the details are familiar to most Kentuckians", leaving non-Kentuckians wanting more information. Andrew Jackson May himself is little remembered but deserves to have his story told. However, he comes off as a little one-dimensional. Mr. Perry clearly admires Jack May greatly and he comes off as a near saint. The only other criticism I would have is the author's description of the Saltville Massacre. He claims at least 53 black soldiers were murdered and possibly 100. This is supported by Thomas Mays' book on the battle, but a more reliable and likely story is found in William Marvel's book. Mr. Perry admits Marvel's book is the best on the subject but doesn't delve into the controversy. Still, this is an absorbing book on the forgotten war in KY, TN, and VA fought by brave men like Jack May.

Historians usually assume that the battles fought in Southwestern Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, and Eastern Tennessee played an insignificant role in the outcome of the Civil War. This book challenges that assumption. Focusing on the career of Colonel Andrew Jackson May, for whom the defense of the region was a personal crusade, it reveals that the victories which the Confederates won in this theater, allowing them to retain control of Preston's Saltworks and the Virginia-Tennessee railroad, preserved the integrity of the Confederacy and thereby prolonged the war.

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