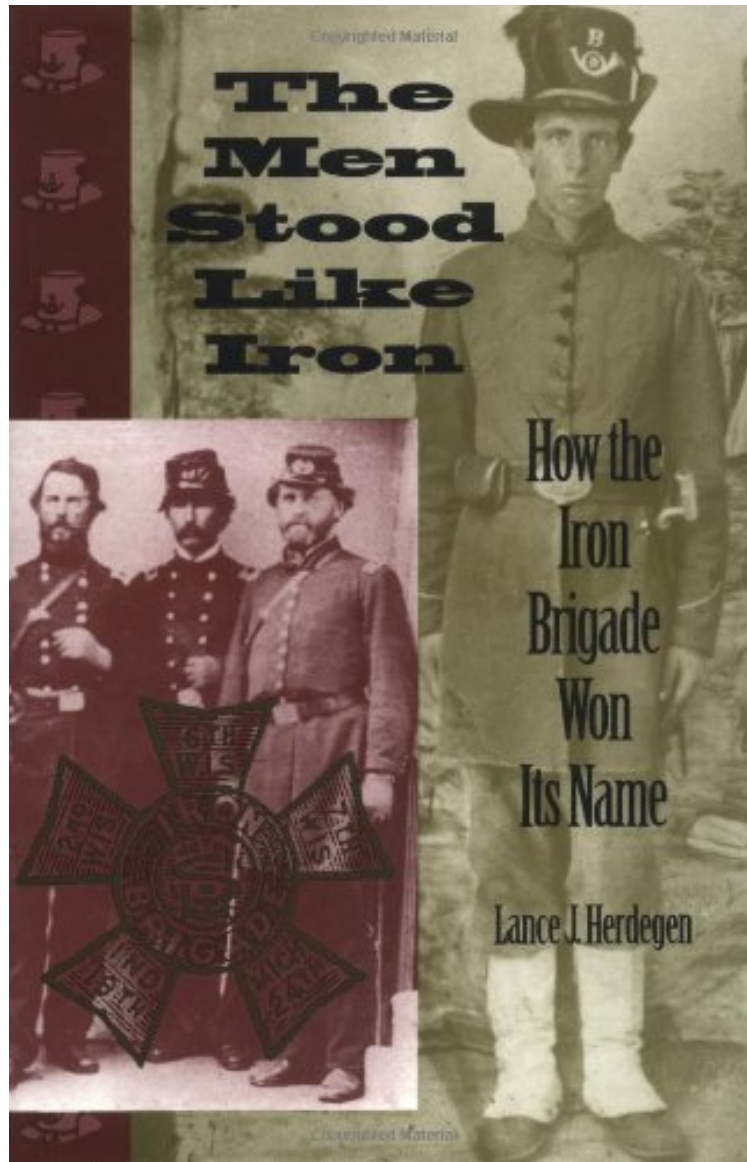


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"Men Stood Like Iron" is I think his fourth book on this subject. I have previously read "The Iron Brigade" by Alan T. Nolan and rated that one of my favourite Civil War books. This title isn't as good but still a very decent account of the Iron Brigade, one of the most famous brigades in the Union Army. This Brigade was made up of regiments from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan, and this book covers its service and combat actions at Brawner's Farm, Second Bull Run and Antietam where it served with distinction and was awarded the name; "The Iron Brigade". This book stops at the completion of the Antietam campaign, however the fate of the Iron Brigade and its involvement at Gettysburg is covered in the author's most recent book; "Those Damned Black Hats!: The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign". Overall this was a decent unit history and combat study although the maps were limited in number as were the illustrations. The author writes well and utilises numerous first-hand accounts from members of the Brigade taken from letters, diaries and other sources. If you enjoy Civil War histories then I think you will be delighted in this book. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Black Hats of the Iron Brigade By Mike E. Evans "They Stood Like Iron" is a good overview of the history of the famed "Iron Brigade" of the Civil War. I am about 2/3 of the way through the book and find it an easy and interesting historical perspective of the fighting men of the Western regiments (Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan) who comprised this famous unit. I would recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about these hard fighting, brave warriors. I am personally interested because my great-great uncle was a member of Company A, 19th Indiana Volunteer Regiment who was severely wounded in his first battle (Brawner's Farm), recovered and went on to fight at Gettysburg, the Wilderness and eventually witnessed General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Not only did he survive four years of service to the Union Army, but he lived to be 95 years of age upon his death in 1933! 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very well written Civil War history By Customer Great book about the Iron Brigade which included units that came from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan. My great, great uncle and his brother-in-law were both members of this unit. Both of them survived the Civil War thankfully.

The Men Stood Like Iron is the dramatic story of how the backwoods frontier boys of Indiana and Wisconsin became soldiers of an "Iron Brigade," a unit so celebrated that General George McClellan called it "equal to the best troops in any army in the world." Created following the Union defeat at Bull Run, the brigade won immediate attention for being the only all-Western brigade of the Eastern armies and for the tall black hats issued to the soldiers. It was a year before the brigade saw any action, but when the fighting began, it was relentless. In four battles over three weeks - Brawner's Farm, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, and Antietam - the Iron Brigade earned its name at terrible cost. By Appomattox Court House, the brigade had suffered a proportionally greater number of battle deaths than any other Federal unit.

From Library Journal Herdegen (An Irishman in the Iron Brigade, Fordham Univ., 1993) provides here a history of the Iron Brigade, one of the most famous brigades in the Union Army. Consisting of regiments from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan, this unit served with distinction at Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, and Chancellorsville and had the highest casualty rate of any Union brigade in the Civil War. Each chapter delves into details of each battle as well as the memories and exploits of individual soldiers. Herdegen discusses the family backgrounds of numerous men, making this more than just another regimental history. Livelier than Alan Nolan's Iron Brigade (1961), this excellent addition to the ever-growing research on the Civil War is a good choice for history buffs and researchers. David M. Alperstein, Queens Borough P.L., Jamaica, N.Y. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus SA history of four regiments of young, independent, feisty frontiersmen from Wisconsin and Indiana, who became a proud force fighting bravely and unwaveringly in bloody Civil War battles, and winning immortal fame as the Iron Brigade. Herdegen (director, Institute for Civil War Studies/Carroll College; In the Bloody Railroad Cut at Gettysburg, not reviewed) takes us into the ranks of these volunteers who signed up to defend the Union in the days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter. Drawing on the men's letters, diaries, and published memoirs, Herdegen follows them from their early days together through four bloody years of war. General John Gibbon, a West Point graduate, imposed a hard, exhausting training program on the recruits, earning the men's hatred. Their resentment, though, would later turn to respect as he led them through a succession of terrible battles. The men's poignant letters home to loved ones are especially fascinating, offering vivid descriptions of camp life and battle, relating such experiences as foraging in Virginia among hostile civilians and being cheered by Union sympathizers in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The men express profound loyalty for some commanders and hatred for other, inept officers. They speak repeatedly of the nature of duty, patriotism, and brotherly love, and their words are made more moving by the realization that these soldiers were, as they wrote, struggling to face the likelihood of death without breaking down. They were cited at Second Bull Run for holding a strategic position "like iron" while suffering heavy casualties; they were cited for bravery at South Mountain, Antietam, and Gettysburg. Proportionally, the Iron Brigade suffered more battlefield deaths than any other Union force. (For more on Civil War soldiers, see James M. McPherson, For Cause and Comrades, p. 42.) A colorful and skillful record of the lives of the men in the ranks of a famous brigade, who served and saved the Union at great sacrifice in a dark time. (12 bw photos, 5 maps, table, not seen) -- Copyright ©1997,

Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. The research for this volume is thorough, which is reflected in the interesting material provided on the background of many of the characters introduced in the text. Vol. 38, 2008 (Military History of the West)