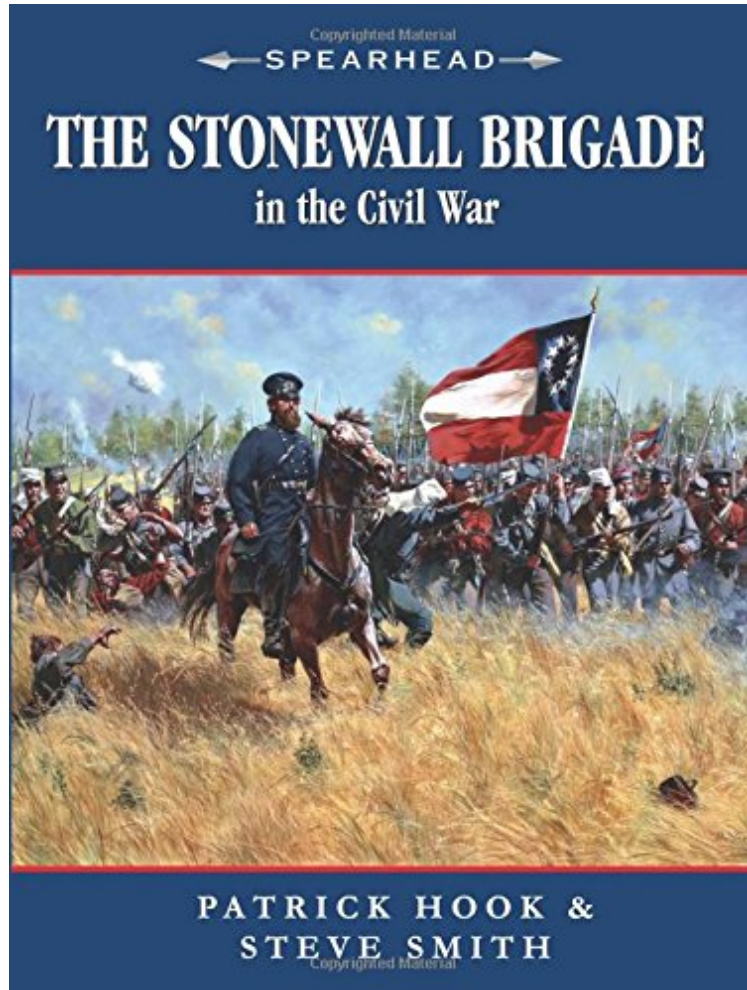


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**Patrick Hook, Steve Smith : The Stonewall Brigade in the Civil War (Spearhead)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Stonewall Brigade in the Civil War (Spearhead):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Great Place To Start...By James D. MillerThe First Virginia Brigade, composed of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 27th and 33rd Virginia Infantry Regiments, and the Rockbridge Artillery Battery. The brigade and its commander, Thomas J. Jackson, would earn their more famous nicknames during the first large scale battle of the Civil War at the First Battle of Bull Run, when in the face of an overwhelming federal attack General Bernard Bee reportedly said, "Look yonder - there stands Jackson like a stone wall; lets go to his assistance. Rally behind the Virginians!" Historians have bickered for nearly a century and a half over the meaning of Bee's words, but, from that day forward the First Virginia Brigade would forever be known as "The Stonewell Brigade", and its leader as "Stonewall" Jackson."The Stonewall Brigade in the Civil War" is a brief history of the regiment written by Patrick Hook and Steve Smith. A comprehensive history of the Stonewall Brigade it is not, but for such a short

book its authors have packed it full of information. Formed primarily of men from the Shenandoah Valley, the first section in the book covers the origin of the brigade and the many local militia units that coalesced to form it. The next section, and the bulk of the book, gives a thumbnail sketch of each of battle the Stonewall Brigade participated in, along with orders of battle for the brigade in each engagement. That is followed by a section covering the equipment and uniforms of the Stonewall Brigade and that is in turn followed by a section of short biographical sketches of the men who led the brigade. The final section is the authors' assessment of the brigade. Hook and Smith have filled the book with photographs, maps and illustrations; the only thing I find lacking is the absence of any type of notation. They do however include a reference, or bibliographic, section which I assume they have used as their source material, as well as a handful of internet resources. For anyone interested in The Stonewall Brigade, this book is a great place to start. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The Confederacy's Most Famous Unit in Action! By Mike O'Connor

The 1st Brigade, Virginia Volunteers - the Stonewall Brigade - is arguably the most famous unit the CSA fielded in the Civil War. Officially formed on 27 April 1861, the unit, initially led by T. J. Jackson, forged a combat reputation second to none. The history of this illustrious unit is the subject of Patrick Hook and Steve Smith's *THE STONEWALL BRIGADE IN THE CIVIL WAR*, a recent 'Spearhead' series book from Zenith Press. The 1st Brigade and its commander won immortality barely three months after the unit was formed, both winning the 'Stonewall' moniker by playing a vital role in the First Battle of Bull Run. Under Jackson and subsequent commanders such as Richard Garnett, Charles Winder and Elisha Paxton, the unit saw hard combat in the 1863 Valley Campaign, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, etc. Yet the reputation the Brigade won came at a terrible cost. The unit was all but destroyed at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House (8-20 May 1864), barely 200 men being left alive. Merged with several other chewed-up brigades, the survivors fought on to the bitter end. Hook and Smith devote 102 of the book's 128 pages to telling the Stonewall Brigade's history. Brief sections then follow on equipment, commanders, assessment and a bibliography. The text is illustrated with dozens of bw and color photographs, maps, charts and artwork. Reading *THE STONEWALL BRIGADE IN THE CIVIL WAR* brings with it mixed emotions. While the Brigade's battle exploits cannot help but impress, it's saddening to read of the horrendous losses it suffered. Of the 6,000+ men who served in the Stonewall Brigade during the Civil War, 210 remained at war's end. Though not exhaustive, *THE STONEWALL BRIGADE IN THE CIVIL WAR* is an interesting, informative and well-illustrated history. All Civil War buffs will want to add this excellent 'Spearhead' volume to their collection. Recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By JOYCE HOGBIN

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Commanded by Thomas J. Jackson and made up of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 27th and 33rd Virginia Infantry Regiments, plus the Rockbridge Artillery Battery, the unit was officially Virginia's First Brigade. This changed forever at the Battle of First Manassas when in the face of a seemingly overwhelming Federal attack, General Bee, an adjacent Confederate brigade commander, reportedly said, "Yonder stands Jackson like a stone wall; let's go to his assistance. Rally behind the Virginians!" This book describes the Stonewall Brigade in combat from first mustering to bitter end, when only 210 ragged and footsore soldiers remained of the 6,000 who'd served through the war. The Stonewall Brigade contains detailed order of battle charts, tables of organization and equipment, and technical specifications of the brigade's weapons. It also features special sidebars on the unit's commanders. Color maps illustrate the brigade's major battles; and a combination of vintage photographs, new images of contemporary reenactors, and Civil War-era paintings and drawings helps to bring the Stonewall Brigade to life.

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