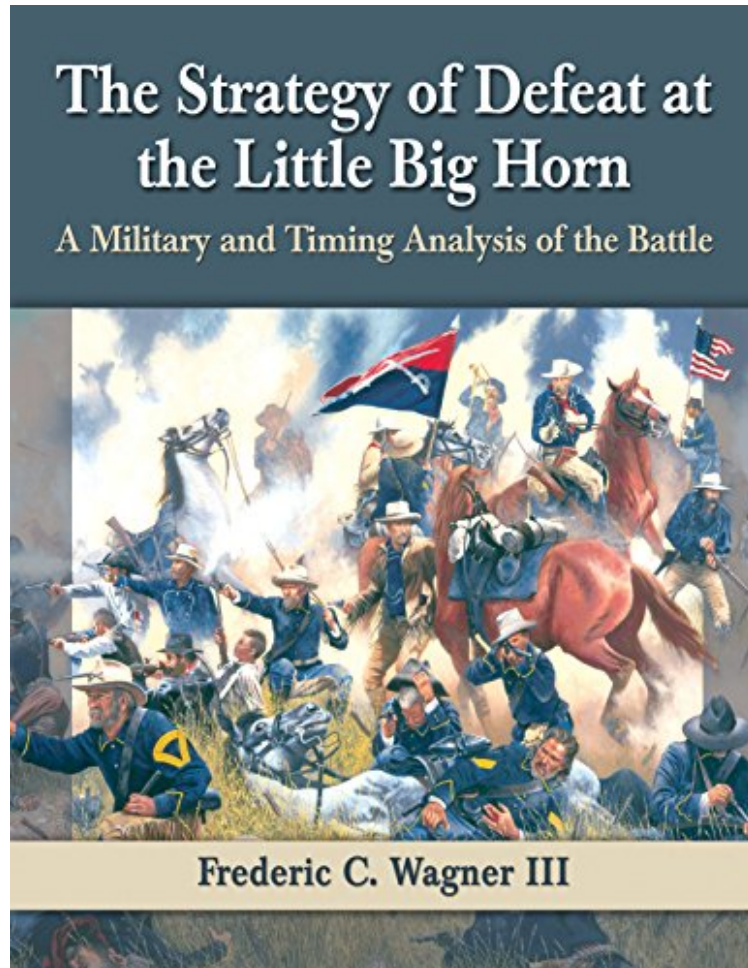


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1876. While I would otherwise give the book an overall excellent rating, a few items cause it to fall a little short. First, the maps were woefully inadequate to describe what was happening in a visual format. Better marking of locations as described in the text would have made the maps much more informative and useful. Second, the use of contour maps was confusing. The use of terrain maps with clearer indications of actual or estimated participants' movements would have added much needed clarity to the discussion. Third, the photographs did not really lend anything to my understanding of what the author was trying to explain (you really need to be on site to appreciate the geography and terrain dynamics - looking at photos really does not help very much). Finally, while the author's attempt to build on Gray's prior work to establish a timeline for the movements of the four units (GAC, Reno, Benteen and the Pack Train), he would have been better served by attempting to do so on a "side by side" basis so that you can follow the movements of each of the units in relationship to each other without having to jump back and forth between the various timelines. Other than these minor criticisms, a great read and a valuable addition to the Battle of the LBH literature. PBS

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