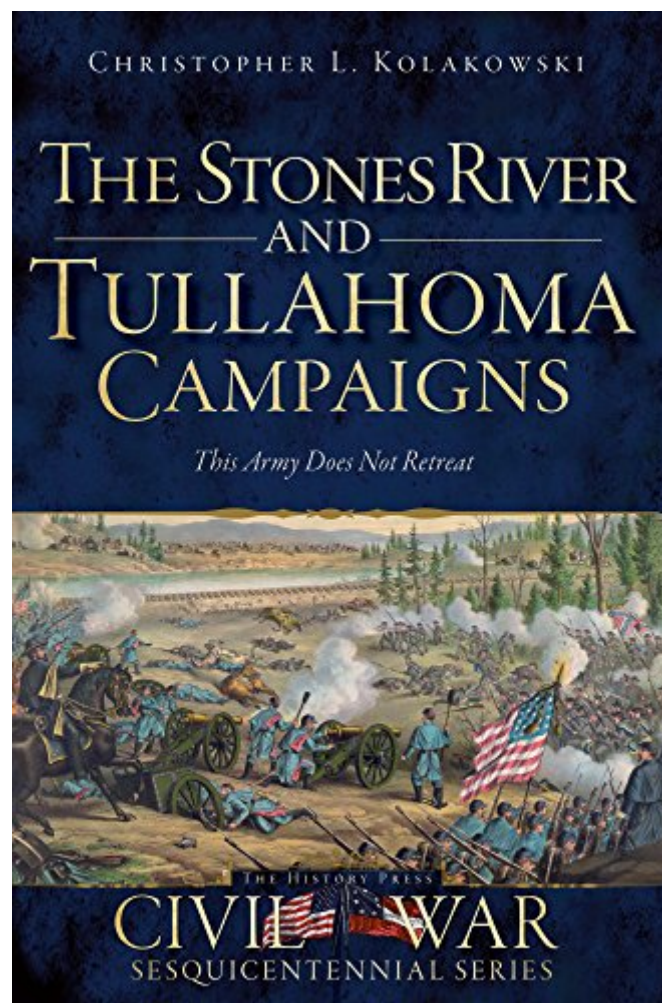


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# Stones River And Tullahoma Campaigns, The: This Army Does Not Retreat (Civil War Series)



## Synopsis

After the Battle of Perryville in October 1862, the focus of the Civil War in the West shifted back to Tennessee. The Union Army of the Cumberland regrouped in Nashville, while the Confederate Army of Tennessee camped 30 miles away in Murfreesboro. On December 26 the Federals marched southward and fought a three-day brawl at Stones River with their Confederate counterparts. The Confederates withdrew, and both armies spent the winter and spring harassing each other and regrouping for the next round. In the Confederate camp, dissention corroded the army's high command. The book will use letters, reports, memoirs, and other primary sources to tell the story of the battles for Middle Tennessee in late 1862 and 1863. The critical engagement at Stones River (by percentage of loss the Civil War's bloodiest battle) and the masterful Tullahoma operation will receive detailed attention

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## Customer Reviews

I have studied the war for southern independence for awhile and have found that I was mistaken on a few points. It just goes to show there is always more to learn, this little book was apart of that

process. The campaigns for control of middle Tennessee were vital to the confederate war effort, more than I realized. It was in middle Tennessee that spelled the end for the Army of Tennessee( Confederate). This book while small packs a lot of info and has very important facts. Anyone who studies this campaign should have this little book. There is not a lot of books on the Tullahoma campaign which is sad considering how very important this campaign was. The Tullahoma campaign lead to Union control of middle Tennessee and forced Bragg into Chattanooga. Then forced Bragg to evacuate Chattanooga and fall back to Chickamauga which ultimately lead to the loss of Chattanooga. With the Confederate loss of Chattanooga and Chattanooga firmly in Union control the gate was wide open for federal invasion in 1864. Rosecrans moves in Tullahoma were military masterpiece and this book is very vital in understanding this key campaign and the chain of events that lead to the end of the conflict that cost so many lives.

This is a very enjoyable book on Kindle, EXCEPT the maps when enlarged are so grainy as to be unreadable. I bought the book so I could use it on the Civil War Trust annual meeting next week. I will have to get other maps to use with this book. Otherwise it would have been 5 stars.

This series of books are fantastic well written and informative this one is about the Kentucky campaign and the all important battle of Stones River this battle was truly the one that decided the civil war just my humble opinion.

Good down to the detail. Good study material.

The book seems to be nothing more than summary of past works. The author writes with a decidedly pro-federal bias, which quickly became old. If a beginning student of war were to read this book they would falsely assume that Rosecrans was a very great general.

"The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaigns", by Christopher L. Kolakowski is one of the excellent Civil War Sesquicentennial series from The History Press. The Battle of Stones River (called the Battle of Murfreesboro by Confederates) was the battle of highest % losses by both sides in the entire Civil War. Combined losses (killed, wounded, captured or missing) were 23,500 men with both sides losing about 28%. It was a 10-hour battle and fought in winter weather on Dec. 31st, 1862. The subsequent Tullahoma campaign resulted in Federal victories that cleared the way to Chattanooga, the gateway to the heart of the Confederacy. In an eerie coincidence, the final battle

for Tennessee coincided exactly with the Federal victories at both Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Trivia item- - approximately 40% of all Civil War engagements were fought in the State of Tennessee. While Kolakowski does a good job of presentation, the maps used leave a lot to be desired.

Very good overview of the Stones River and subsequent Tullahoma campaigns that drove Bragg's army out of middle Tennessee down to Chattanooga prior to the Chickamauga battle. This is not an in-depth book that describes the actions at the regimental or company level. Primarily describes the strategies of both sides and movements at the army, corp, and divisions with some brigade actions. Includes some (not many) personal observations by battle participants, and some key actions and decisions of senior leaders during the campaigns and battles. Also describes the key communications (or lack of) between senior leaders and government officials on both sides, especially the acrimonious relations between Bragg and his subordinate commanders, which negatively impacted the effectiveness of the Confederate Army. Follows with a brief analysis of the outcome. Provides maps, though some (primarily the Stones River battle) require a very good magnifying glass (not kidding) to read and understand them, made more difficult because everything is in varying shades of gray and there is so much (too much in my view) on them. They are placed appropriately throughout the text, as are good photos of people and places, including modern photos of locations. Combined with the illustrations, photos, and large text, this is a relatively short book narrative.

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