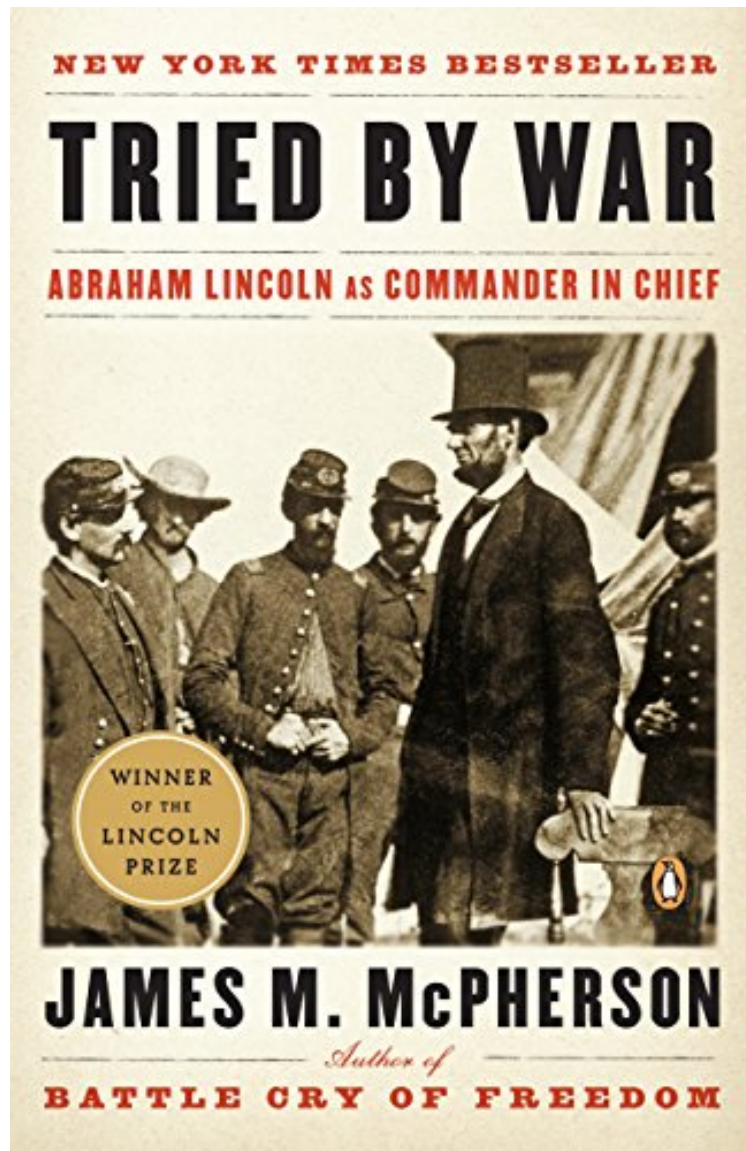


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military experience of the commanders in chief in our three greatest wars, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt, consisted of Lincoln's few weeks in the militia during the Black Hawk War. Author James McPherson skillfully explains how, despite his lack of experience, Lincoln learned the military arts and successfully employed them. This book points out the nature of Lincoln's accomplishments. The Civil War was the first war in which communications enabled the President to take an active part in the direction of the war. This forced Lincoln to create the role of Commander in Chief. As he mastered his new position, Lincoln skillfully balanced political and military needs in order to maintain support necessary for successful prosecution of the war. Frustrated by sluggish generals, primarily George McClellan, but also including Winfield Scott, Joe Hooker and Ambrose Burnside, Lincoln prodded and ordered them to advance until, through trial and error, he finally found a winning team, led by Grant and Sherman, with important roles played by Sheridan and Meade. This book makes the case that Lincoln was more successful than the West Point alumnus who opposed him, Jefferson Davis, and many of his own successors. We have often read of the styles of other commanders in chief. McKinley and Wilson limited their involvement to general policy and left the details to the generals. Roosevelt chose the commanders and prioritized the theatres, largely to satisfy political requirements. Except for his fight with MacArthur and the limitations on actions over China, Truman did much the same. Part of LBJ's failure as a war leader is attributable to his micro-management of the details, while George H.W. Bush occupied the opposite end of the spectrum and just ordered his generals to win. Lincoln got involved in strategy and was successful. Through these pages we learn how he did it. For any student of Lincoln, the Civil War or any of the top commanders who wore the Blue, this book is a valuable read.

Kurzbeschreibung The Pulitzer Prize-winning author reveals how Lincoln won the Civil War and invented the role of commander in chief as we know it. As we celebrate the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, this study by preeminent, bestselling Civil War historian James M. McPherson provides a rare, fresh take on one of the most enigmatic figures in American history. *Tried by War* offers a revelatory (and timely) portrait of leadership during the greatest crisis our nation has ever endured. Suspenseful and inspiring, this is the story of how Lincoln, with almost no previous military experience before entering the White House, assumed the powers associated with the role of commander in chief, and through his strategic insight and will to fight changed the course of the war and saved the Union. From the Trade Paperback edition. From Publishers Weekly Starred . Given the importance of Lincoln's role as commander-in-chief to the nation's very survival, says McPherson, this role has been underexamined. McPherson (*Battle Cry of Freedom*), the doyen of Civil War historians, offers firm evidence of Lincoln's military effectiveness in this typically well-reasoned, well-presented analysis. Lincoln exercised the right to take any necessary measures to preserve the union and majority rule, including violating longstanding civil liberties (though McPherson considers the infringements milder than those adopted by later presidents). As McPherson shows, Lincoln understood the synergy of political and military decision-making; the Emancipation Proclamation, for instance, harmonized the principles of union and freedom with a strategy of attacking the crucial Confederate resource of slave labor. Lincoln's commitment to linking policy and strategy made him the most hands-on American commander-in-chief; he oversaw strategy and offered operational advice, much of it shrewd and perceptive. Lincoln may have been an amateur of war, but McPherson successfully establishes him as America's greatest war leader. (Oct. 7) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. **Pressestimmen** "Few historians write as well as McPherson, and none evoke the sound of battle with greater clarity. . . . McPherson draws on almost fifty years of research to present a cogent and concise narrative of how Lincoln, working against enormous odds, saved the United States of America." -Jean Edward Smith, "The New York Times Book Review" "It is hard to do justice in a short review to how convincingly and compellingly McPherson narrates Lincoln's simultaneous mastery of the political, strategic and moral challenge of his historical moment." -Tim Rutten, "Los Angeles Times" "Masterful. . . . Destined to become a classic." -Jay Winik, "The Boston Globe" "The definitive portrait of Lincoln as war leader." -"The Washington Post"