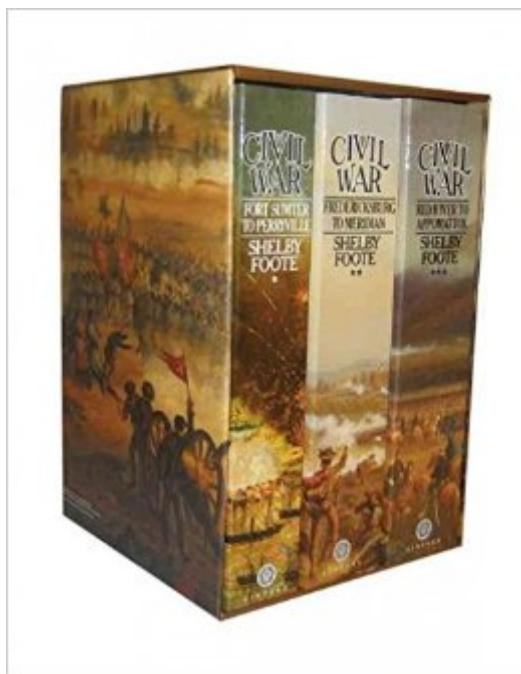


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I just finished all three volumes of the Vintage edition, which is a reproduction of the Random House edition. 2,845 pages in all. (The next book on my list, "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," which previously appeared formidable in its size, now looks like a slender piece of cake.) You should find the experience rewarding, as I did. Just remember that Shelby Foote was primarily a novelist and incapable of critical analysis of many aspects of the Civil War era. There are no references or citations for facts given. Most of the time, the author focuses on the personalities of the actors and the events of the drama. But, I did find some challenges from which the author could have spared us, plus an example of incredible sloppiness on the part of the publisher. Foote makes excessive use of em-dash comments, which are parenthetical passages enclosed in em-dashes. The following sentence is an example. "The em-dash comment â " it's been around since the days of Gutenberg but didn't catch on until at least the 1700s because the em dash wasn't used in the Bible and thus was considered an inferior bit of punctuation â " disrupts the flow of a sentence." It is rare to encounter a page in Foote's tome which does not have at least one of these em-dash comments.

Some pages have several. Moreover, many of his em-dash comments are far longer than the sentences that enclose them. Some even have parenthetical comments within them. This fast becomes a hardship on the reader. I developed the habit of simply moving my eyes from the opening em-dash down to the closing em-dash and finishing the sentence before going back and reading what the enclosed text had to say.

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