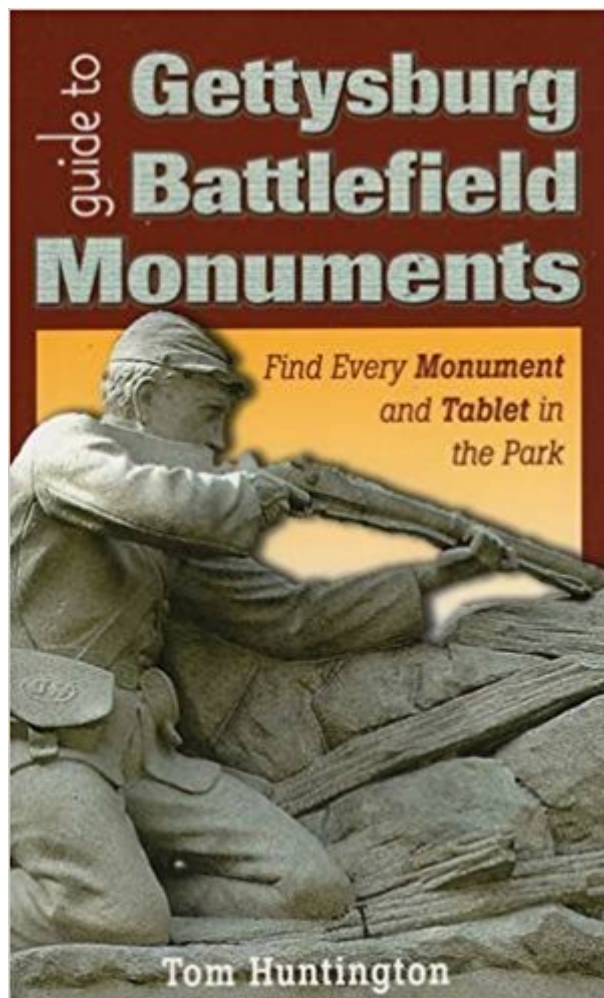




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Synopsis

Where to find every monument and tablet on the Gettysburg Battlefield--over 800 in all--organized by state, military unit, person, or army
Photos and descriptions of each monument, with information on who is being honored and what they did during the battle
Covers the entire Gettysburg National Military Park and all three days of fighting

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Customer Reviews

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This is an attractive book with lots of helpful information, many color photos, and dozens of maps. The GPS coordinates for each of the monuments is a nice touch. The construction of the book is much better than most paperbacks; the binding is sturdy and the pages are extra thick (possibly coated). So what's not to like about it? I'll tell you what. The book is almost unusable without a cross reference. The monuments and tablets are all numbered by the order they appear on the map. However, THE BOOK ORGANIZES THE DETAILS FOR THE MONUMENTS IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ORDER. The detailed information for each monument contains a reference to where it can be found on the map. However, there is no cross reference to help the reader figure out where

to find details of the monument numbers that appear on the map! The reader is required to thumb through nearly 200 pages of randomly numbered monuments to find what they are looking for. For example: Map GG shows a row of ten monuments numbered 837-846. I would find it useful to know what these are. Unfortunately, this is no easy thing to figure out. I thumbed through the book for a while and stumbled across details for monuments 840 (page 188), 841 (page 126), and 842 (page 179). I'm certain the details for the other seven monuments are in the book somewhere but I don't have the patience to keep looking. Again, the reader is required to scan nearly 200 pages to figure these things out. Overall, this would be an easy 5 star review except for the omission of a cross reference. It may sound trivial but it really is a serious problem. In all other respects this book is outstanding. As it is, I cannot recommend it. (short rant: I frequently consider customer ratings when making buying decisions. In this case I feel the community has let me down. This book has a very strong customer rating with 68% giving it a perfect 5 stars. Did these people get the same book as me? I don't see how it's possible for so many people to not notice or not care about this problem.)

This is a great help to understand the many monuments and markers on the Gettysburg battlefield. What is interesting to me is that many of the monuments are fairly new having been erected in the past decade or so. True there are a number of older ones that were erected within a decade or two of the battle in 1863. The monuments help give more human faces to the open fields across the two sides of the battlefield. It is a great guide to assist one in understanding other details of the scenes of death and terrible injury that were witnessed on those fields during the three days of intense battle.

when I visited Gettysburg previously I did not pay much attention to the monuments . I thought they were works of sculpture. I now know they are placed at the locations at which the troops they commemorate fought. As such this is an excellent guide book to follow the battle IF you are familiar with the battle from reading about it in historical overview books, or even from Killer Angels or the movie Gettysburg. this book wont mean much to the beginning visitor to the battlefield who is not knowledgeable about the details of the battle.. Excellent for the expert or intermediate Gettysburg buff.

This guide might be a 5 star but a family emergency prevented me from visiting Gettysburg while I was in PA recently. So cannot know for certain. However, it appears to be a great source to understand the many battlefield sites as there is not a lot of detail at their location. I hope to get

there some day and will use this book.

This book is wonderful. I like the alphabet of states in order to show the picture of sculpture and location. I think it very useful for them to find location in Gettysburg's section.

Great purchase, this book was intriguing and kept me interested the entire way through. I would definitely purchase this author again.

Anyone will enjoy the pictures and information on the Gettysburg battlefield monuments and tablets.

What to know where a battlefield monument is, this is the book for you. Each monument is pictured and basic information is provided. The monuments are presented by State and Unit, so you can follow a unit across the battlefield by its monuments. Maps are provided to show where the monuments are. The only problem I have is that finding the description of a monument that you are looking at can be difficult at times since monuments that are side by side are not always from the same States.

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