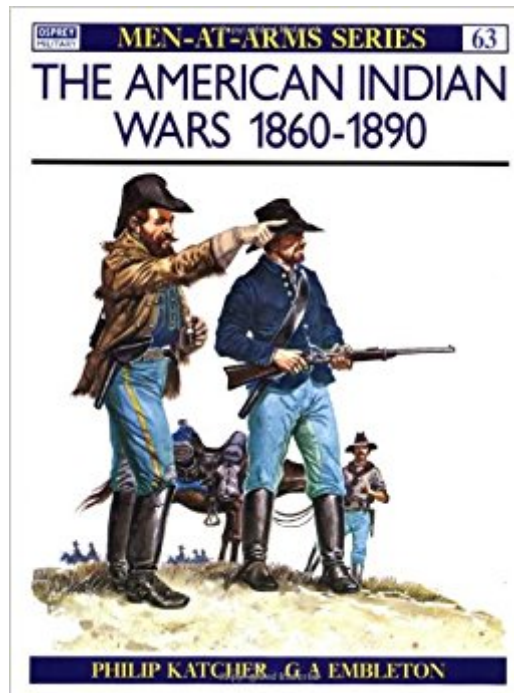




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Synopsis

The American Indian Wars, the most famous of which were fought on the great Western plains between 1860 and 1890, were among the most tragic of all conflicts ever fought. To the victor went no less than the complete domination of the continent, to the loser total extinction. Accustomed only to small scale skirmishing and raiding, the Indians were doomed from the start. They had never fought a European-style war with its constant pressure and co-ordinated strategies. Philip Katcher details the armies of both sides, paying particular attention to their organization and uniforms.

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Packed with specially commissioned artwork, maps and diagrams, the Men-at-Arms series is an unrivalled illustrated reference on the history, organisation, uniforms and equipment of the world's military forces, past and present.

Philip Katcher lives and works in Pennsylvania USA, and has written over 20 titles in the Men-at-Arms Series including the highly successful five-volume set on Armies of the American Civil War.

I think the strength of this book is that it pulled together bits of information I have found in diverse places all under one cover. That said I must report that I found nothing new or startling in its content. The narrative is well-written and probably targets a late High School or early College population.

The illustrations, while period correct, lack the detail I was seeking for my own research. In this way, the pictures were comparable to fuzzy, sepia-toned photos I have strained over for some time now. While it may seem possible to cover a span of thirty years in a single book, the variety of environments, combatants, leaders and belief systems almost demand that a separate book be written for each separate theatre. In this way, the conflicts in the Southwest, the Central Plains and the Northern Plains could be given their due.

GREAT book with LOTS of interesting details of the evolving U.S. Army and Indians of this period.

Great reference material

Excellent

As a re-enactor of 19th century military personnel, the pictures in this book are a great guide for assisting me with keeping my uniforms authentic to the time periods I am recreating.

This book, like others in the series, is a good way to get quick reference. It doesn't go much deeper than that, but then, never pretends to.

A limited summary of a Thirty 30 year war. The photos and illustrations were fine, however, the written component lacked the detail students of history need. I was somewhat disappointed with the overall content. I was looking for the detail to fully comprehend the lack of understanding between the Indian and the US Government to allow a war to continue over three decades. Bert J. Terrazas

I WAS TREMENDOUSLY DISAPPOINTED IN THIS WORK. I WAS EXPECTING AN OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT FIGHTS, BUT ALAS NO ENCOUNTERS WERE INCLUDED-- EVEN LITTLE BIG HORN. HE SPENT HIS EFFORTS TALKING ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION AND UNIFORMS AND DRESS OF THE COMBATANTS. HE LISTS 36 MAJOR ENCOUNTERS BUT NARY A ONE IS INCLUDED. ILLUSTRATIONS ARE FINE BUT WHO REALLY CARES WHAT A TROOPER OR HIS COUNTERPART WORE? IF YOU WANT A HISTORY OF THE BATTLES YOU'D BETTER LOOK ELSEWHERE.

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