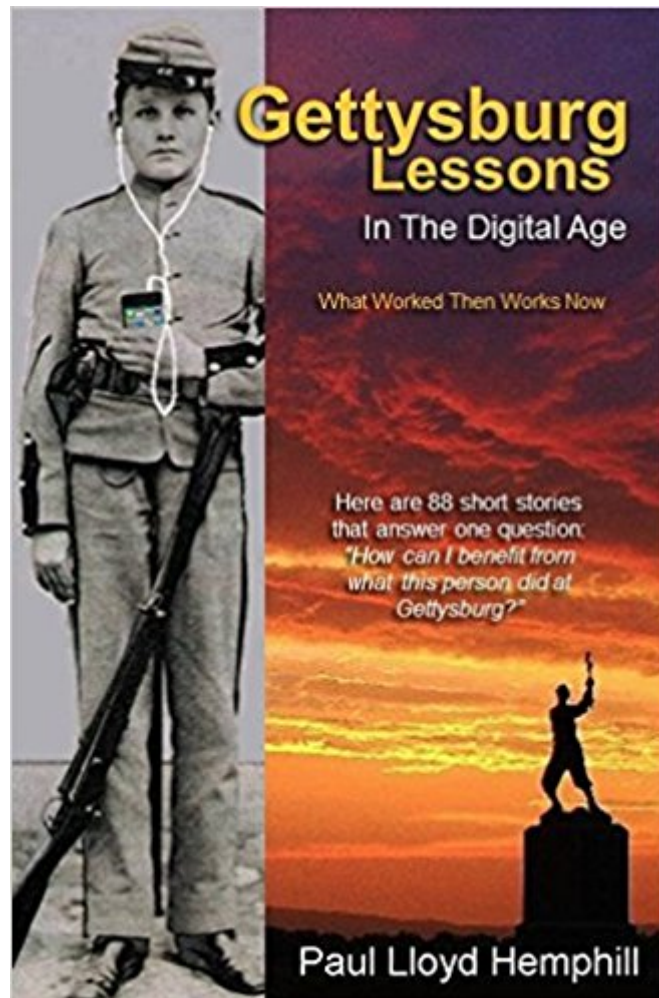




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First off, I'd like to say that as a second-year college student, I found this book both useful and insightful with relevant lessons. Just like many 19 year olds, when I thought of Gettysburg I thought of the boring history classes I took in high school. Of course I know how devastating (and historic) the battle was, but I never would have imagined the amount of valuable lessons that could come out of a few days in 1863. One story that Paul Hemphill details is that of Judson Kilpatrick, a creative "Boy General" who proved that impossible is nothing but an illusion. Faced with stress and tasks each and every day, there are times I feel like things truly are impossible. Even though I'm not

commanding soldiers in battle, the lesson of never giving up and becoming a leader is still practical and applicable to my everyday life. I really loved how none of the short stories were overwhelming in length, they were quick and relatively easy reads that kept me entertained. Even better, the lessons are clear, concise, and complete. I truly wish that my high school history courses were taught more like this book and less like how they are today. Gettysburg Lessons in the Digital Age reinforced my belief that I can be a leader from the inside-out and delivered meaningful life-lessons that I believe pertain to men and women of all ages.

This reads like a recipe book for delicious as well as tasteless entrees: here are the ingredients for success or disaster, this is how one guy did it or blew it, and you can go in either direction based on the decisions you make. Even though you can open this book to any page, as the author says, I suggest you read the Introduction first. It sets a positive tone on a horrific event. History is full of blood and gore, but that's not what this author writes. Each of his 88 (?) stories is about one person. He tells the story and then follows it with the heading "Gettysburg Lessons." Beneath that heading he lists his own interpretations of what we can learn from the story. It's sort of like sitting in front of the tube, not having to think about what you've seen, and it's all explained for you. I like that. I was mildly blown away by a story I did not expect, so I'm going to recommend that you get your eyes on the story of Tillie Pierce. She was no commanding general of thousands of men, but a 15-year-old girl who commanded my hard heart to realize that you don't have to be a commander to be a leader. The book is filled with such pleasant surprises. Pretty good stuff if you ask me.

Insightful, well written, and certainly not boring, Gettysburg Lessons In the Digital Age is different than other history books. Paul Hemphill does a great job at taking various people and events and applying their experiences as lessons to the digital generation in a way that is both entertaining and informative. With detailed background stories on little known officers like Alfred Pleasonton for the Union Army, (who somehow managed to cheat his way to more power and prestige through writing false reports instead of fighting bravely,) Paul Hemphill adds even more depth and understanding to the infamous conflict as he gives readers a thought-provoking look at the contributions of various men and women during the fateful events. Being a history buff myself, I can honestly say I was pleasantly surprised at how much I did not know about the Battle of Gettysburg and its participants until I read this book. Gettysburg Lessons In the Digital Age is great for educational purposes, or even just a fun and insightful read that proves to be very valuable to history fans of any age.

I was looking for a way to make history more relevant to my students, many of whom struggle with today's issues. It is a competitive environment, complicated by a lack sufficient parental supervision for some because both parents work. Paul Hemphill's book is an excellent compilation and characterization of exceptional individuals from US history. In one fell swoop Paul brings history alive, demonstrating character & morality. Most importantly Paul showcases leadership, a truly valuable asset for success. I was particularly impressed by the story of Winfield Hancock whose decisiveness was without question. Subordinates knew where this man stood on the issues and as a result he was successful on the battlefield. At the same time Paul does not sugar-coat weaknesses making his characters human, something with which we can all identify. This book should be standard reading for history classes from grammar to high school and even in college.

I found this book to be not only informative and filled with detail of so many battles and heroic encounters by both sides of the war, that I was kept on the edge of my seat learning of the decisions being made by so many young and inexperienced soldiers. It embraces the true ideals of how when put into circumstances unexpectedly we make decisions based on our survival, our hidden leadership capabilities, and above all, the notion that we can go forward and be successful. Well written and a fascinating approach of history.

This isn't a history book in the classic sense. In fact, it's not a history book at all, but a book that uses history to make its case with lots of lessons. One of the characters in this book, John Buford, is someone I can relate to. I'm a small business owner in LA where every business fights for every advantage they can find. Amazingly, that's what this guy Buford did. He is a real business role model. He was handicapped by being without a lot of things he needed, but he got the job done anyway. In today's world that makes Buford a real entrepreneur. Very cool book. Easy style, and both entertaining and useful all at once.

This is an awesome DVD. You can learn a lot from this. Very well put together and very interesting. A must watch for any Civil War or history fan.

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