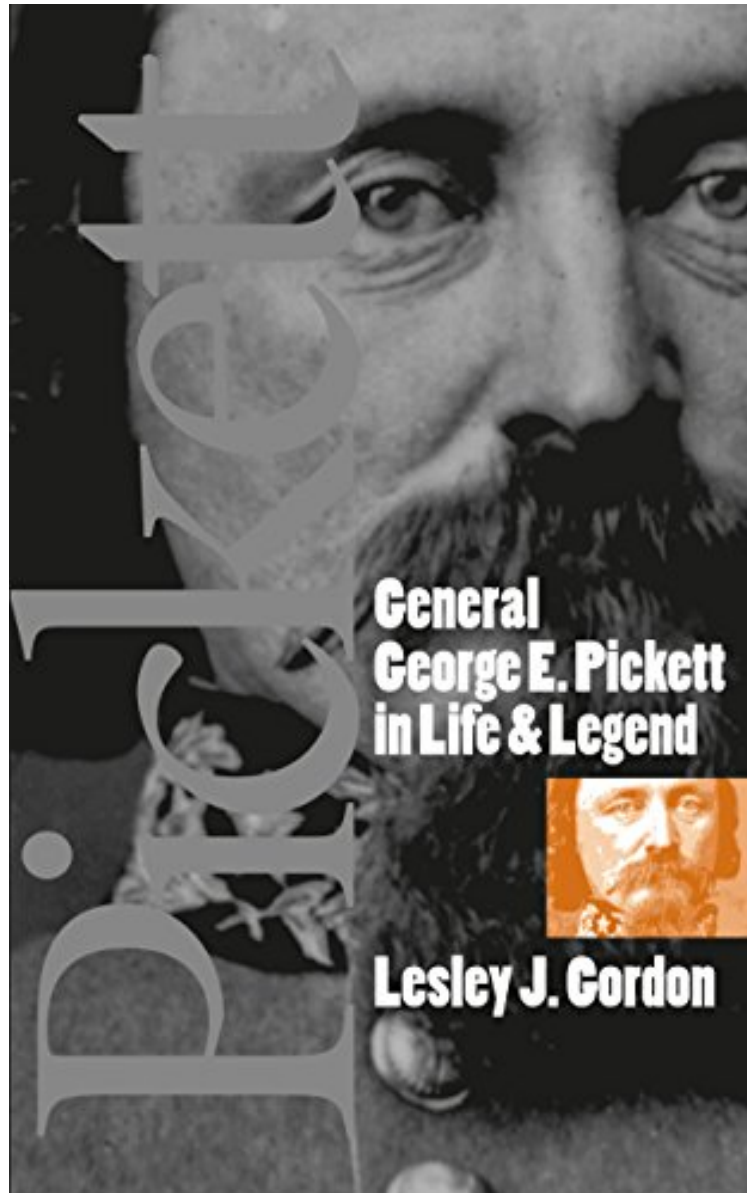


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the Civil War and General Pickett will probably be included in that list. The others will most likely include Lee, Grant, and Jackson. Pickett's fame was not etched in history because of any special prowess for military tactics or battlefield success, but because his name was associated with the ill fated desperation charge on the third day of the battle of Gettysburg. Like many other Confederate generals, Pickett was promoted one or two ranks higher than his ability warranted. Yet, in name he is famous, this also due to his wife LaSalle who spent much of the five decades after General Pickett's passing in providing a much different picture of Pickett than what history has shown us. Author Lesley Gordon does a very impressive job of separating myth from reality and in doing so allows us to vision a true picture of General Pickett. He was a colorful patriot for his cause, who despite limited ability to lead an army, managed to stay in command until the very end of the war. It is refreshing reading a history of a general who really wasn't a hero, but an icon never-the-less. The title, General George Pickett, in life and legend tells it all. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Learn more about the real Pickett Von Ein Kunde This well-researched and well-written biography of General George E. Pickett gives an unvarnished look at a southern soldier who has been shrouded in mystery. I've read a lot of Confederate history and this one comes the closest to describing the real Pickett than any other. This book is entertaining, yet grounded in historical fact. The insights into marriage of the day are also valuable. Author Gordon successfully separates fact from fiction. She does not try to separate LaSalle Pickett's influence on the life and memory of George and it's a good thing because it's impossible to do so. This biography left me wanting to learn more about George and Sally Pickett. Too bad the Pickett descendants won't release the letters they have in private collection. Great book! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. General George E. Pickett in Life Legend Von Ein Kunde Unlike the previous customer reviewer, and like the scores of accredited professional reviewers itemized in part in 's own professional listings, I found Gordon's new biography to be first rate. It is meticulously researched and introduces new materials about the general's life heretofore unpublished. And if Gordon's interest in the role that Pickett's marriage played in shaping his 'life' is offputting to some reactionary types, then so much the better. Biography requires the evocation of an individual's entire cultural ethos, both on the battlefield and off, and Gordon's evenhanded work here help us round out the picture of an important, if enigmatic historical personage.

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