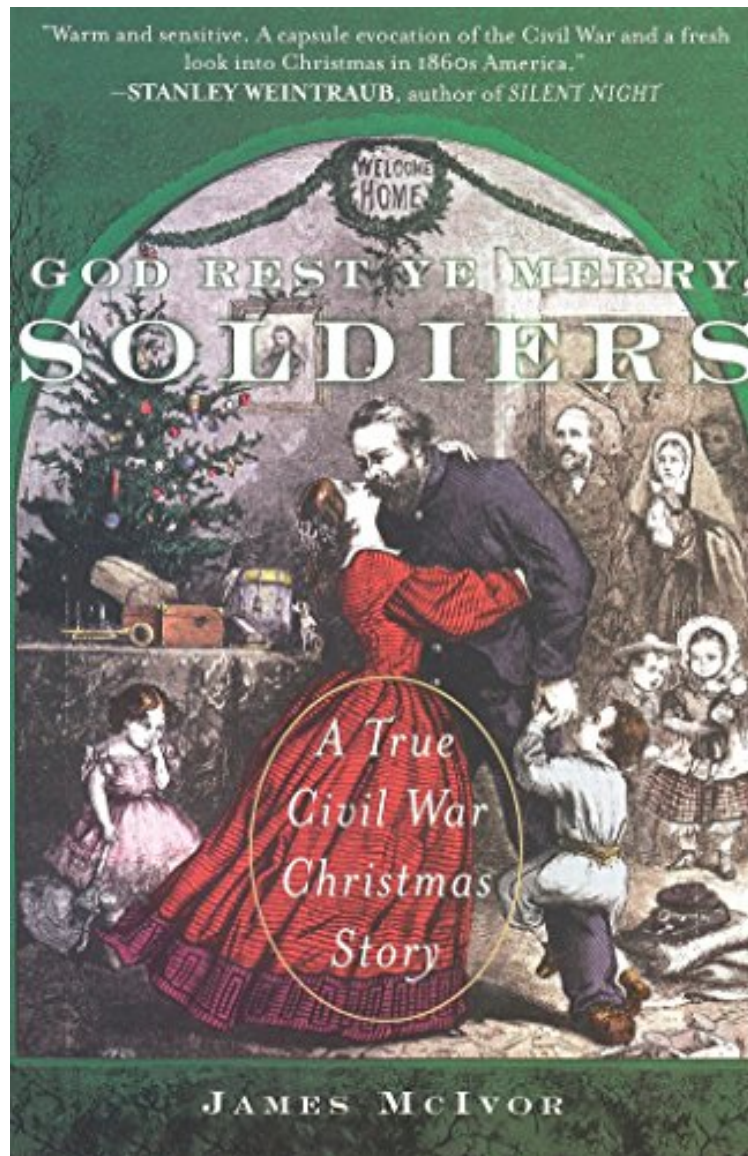


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Making of a Holiday Von James Gallen "God Rest Ye Merry Soldiers" tells the story of how the Civil War advanced the progress of Christmas from an unobserved feast to the greatest American holiday. This book begins with the

tracking of Christmas, a day ignored in New England and an occasion of feasting and revelry in the South. In the years leading up to the Civil War the day had been achieving increasing importance. The absence of men from their homes sharpened the allure of this family holiday. Centered on the Battle of Stones River/Murfreesboro, Tennessee from Christmas Eve 1862 through New Year's 1863, it tells of the armies singing their Christmas songs the night before the battle and then relates the human side of this Yuletide conflict. We are introduced to the wounded and dying, those who renewed antebellum acquaintances and the scars left on the survivors. The last portion of the book picks up the post war transformation of Christmas into the Tradition we enjoy today. Out of our most terrible conflict arose our most Sacred Season. This is a short book, a quick read. I was given it for one Christmas and read it during another. It forces the reader to pause and reflect on what Christmas has meant in the past and what it should mean to us today. Enjoy it some Christmas.

Kurzbeschreibung In the tradition of the bestselling *Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce*, the true story of a Civil War Christmas miracle. In the waning days of 1862, Union and Confederate troops set up camp within earshot of one another in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Christmas had just passed, and for many of these battle-wearied young soldiers the holiday season was a melancholy reminder of the families and loved ones they left behind. Bands from both camps played patriotic songs in an attempt to raise spirits, a musical duel that presaged the bloody battle to come. Then, something extraordinary occurred. One of the bands began playing a popular sentimental tune called *Home Sweet Home*. Soon, bands from both sides picked up the tune, and before long thousands of Northern and Southern soldiers had joined together in song. *God Rest Ye Merry, Soldiers: A True Civil War Christmas Story* tells the tale of this yuletide interlude, which came at a time when the early optimism of the Civil War had given way to the bitter realities of seemingly endless bloodshed. Told through soldiers' letters and period songs, *God Rest Ye Merry, Soldiers* is the hopeful and touching story of human compassion in the midst of unspeakable violence. From *Publishers Weekly*: This charming stocking stuffer recounts Christmas celebrations during the early Civil War, with an emphasis on how the holiday united opposing soldiers before the Battle of Stones River in 1862. Though Congress didn't decree Christmas a national holiday until 1870, it was spreading nationwide as an American tradition by the time the war broke out. In 1861, the first Civil War Christmas saw festivities in both Union and Confederate camps, but the second, after a bloody year of war, found soldiers on both sides realizing that the war was a common enemy. McIvor zooms in on the Union and Confederate armies camped near each other at Murfreesboro, Tenn., where on Christmas Eve 1862, their bands played favorite Northern and Southern tunes. When one band started "Home! Sweet Home!" thousands of homesick soldiers began to sing before being overcome by emotion, and the night fell silent. A few days later the armies clashed in one of the bloodiest battles of the war but even amid the powder smoke soldiers helped one another's wounded and dead, marking friendly and enemy grave sites. Though this slim book skips lightly over dense history and has a slight sentimental flavor, it's distinctly readable and moving throughout. (Nov.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. *Pressestimmen*: A charming stocking stuffer. (Publishers Weekly)