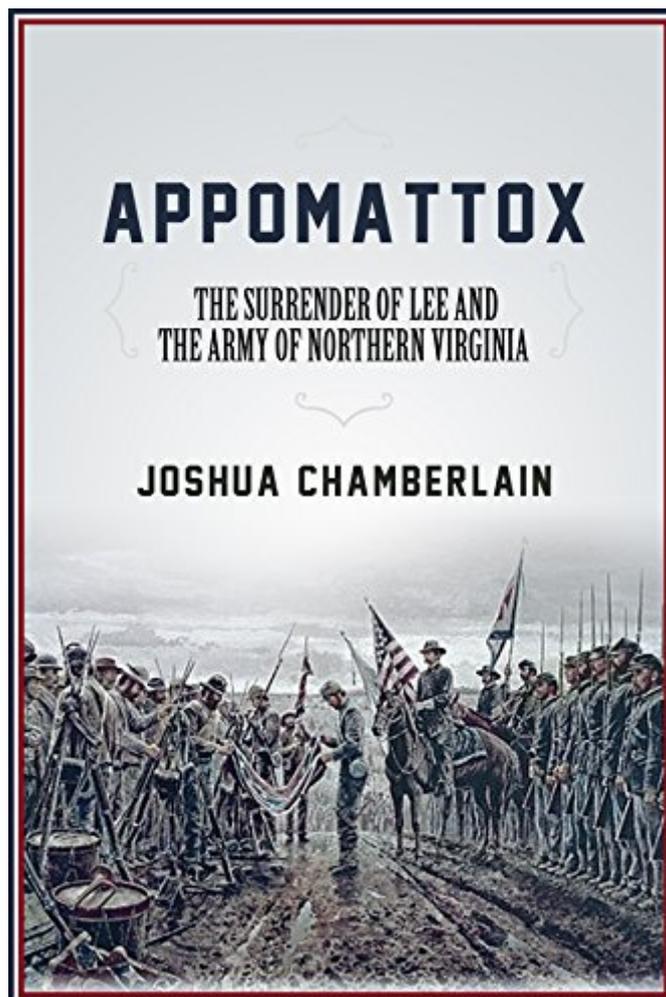


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Appomattox: The Surrender Of The Army Of Northern Virginia



Synopsis

Chamberlain's poignant tale delves into one man's first-hand account of the Battle of Appomattox Court House in April 1865. In the midst of a brutal battle, Confederate Army General Robert E. Lee rallies his exhausted, injured troops against General Ulysses S. Grant's Union Army. In close coordination with Grant, Major General Philip Sheridan sends orders to the Cavalry Corps to guide the troops up to Appomattox Station, confident that victory is imminent. As Sheridan and Grant's troops square across the enemy's front, the hour has come that will determine whether each soldier lives or dies. Until a messenger arrives from General Lee with a single white towel, shaped into a flag, that has the potential to change everything. Having agreed on a brief truce, soldiers from both sides who previously had only one order – "to destroy their opponents" – are conversing amicably. As the truce comes to an end and Lee is nowhere to be seen, the soldiers prepare to put aside their new found friendships and resume the destruction they are, by now, so accustomed to. However, Lee and Grant soon arrive; after some discussion, Lee's decision is made – "his one chosen word will determine the course of this crucial moment in American history" – surrender. As the troops unite with their opponents to laugh, share food and discuss the destruction that has dictated their existence for so long, they reflect on the lives of those who did not survive long enough to experience this miraculous moment. Finally, all troops lay down their weapons and face one another no longer as combatants, but as humans. Filled with vivid imagery, expert-storytelling and profound thoughts on war and surrender, Chamberlain's historical narrative will stay with you long after you have turned the final page. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (1828-1914) was a college professor from Maine who volunteered for the Union Army in 1862. Awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Gettysburg, he ended the war a Brevet Major General. A Republican, after the war he entered politics, serving four consecutive terms of office as the Governor of Maine. Albion Press is an imprint of Endeavour Press, the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now.

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Excellent first hand account of the final days of the civil war in Virginia. Chamberlain is an excellent storyteller and his decision to have the Union soldiers honor the surrendering Confederate soldiers was outstanding and probably helped to diffuse some of the expected animosity between the two forces at the end.

This personal account of the climax of the Civil War at Appomattox is a moving and eloquent narrative. The story is the length of a magazine article, told in the first person, present tense. It omits any mention that Joshua Chamberlain was a near-sighted professor at Bowdoin College at the beginning of the war who rose through the ranks to play a major role in the victory at Gettysburg and the rank of Brevet Major General. In the process he was wounded six times, once almost fatally His eloquent, spell binding account reflects his scholarly background in languages and rhetoric. It provides the reader with some degree of insight into what it was like to have been a soldier in the Civil War and the emotions felt on that fateful day.

Moving account from a very worthy Union officer who was awarded the CMH and who accomplished so much in his life after being left for dead on one of the many battle fields of that war which he fought so gallantly on

This book only covers two days, the day of Lee's surrender, and the next day with the surrender of the Confederate troops. Rather than being about the war as such, it is more about the authors observations and feelings at the time. I found it to be a very emotional read. I highly recommend it.

Loved it. very informative.

It's enlightening to read directly from a combatant who was also a college professor. It made me feel as if I was there. Not new information but perspective makes a huge difference.

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