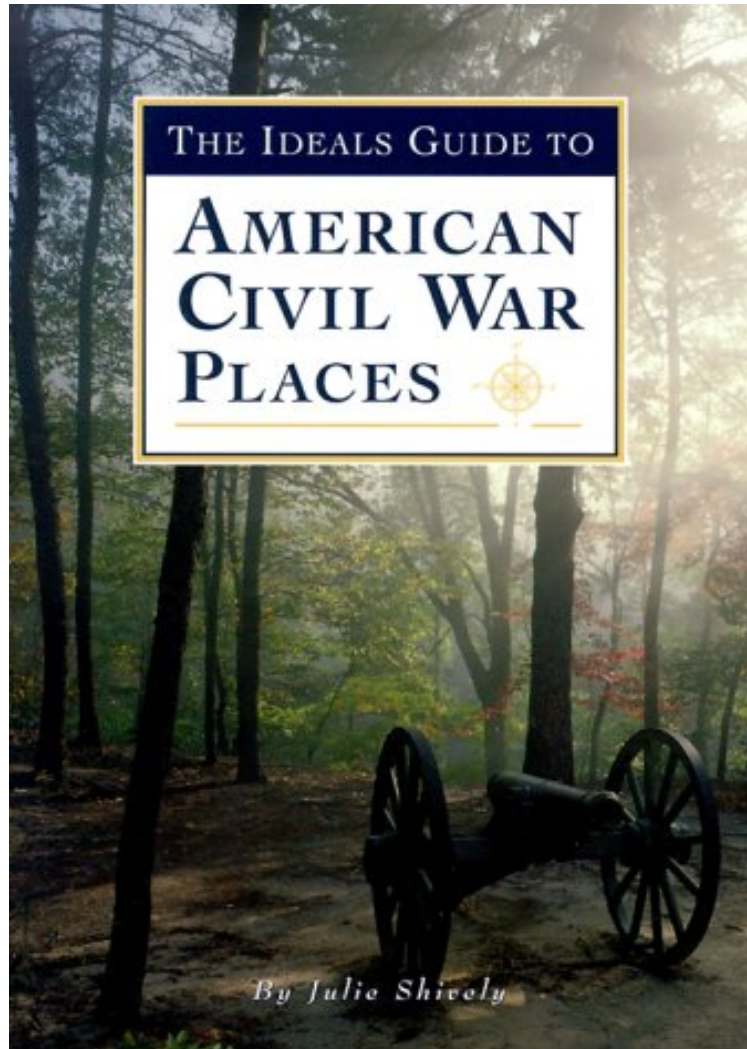


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great tour guide. (Updated review)By Roy HobbsAnyone interested in traveling to Civil War sites should have this book. It includes great photographs and descriptions of major sites without bogging down the reader with too many details about the battles that you can read elsewhere. To be clear, I would not rely solely on this book if you are planning a vacation around Civil War sites.The book is divided into sections by state, making it well organized and easy to follow. It touches on all the major Civil War sites and a good amount of the smaller ones.As a bonus, there is a photo of Chalmette Battlefield, which was part of the Battle of New

Orleans (War of 1812.) I knew nothing about this site until I ran across it in this book. Thanks to this book, I made a side trip to that site while in New Orleans. The battlefield site is significant to the Civil War because the antebellum home of a relative of P.G.T. Beauregard sits on the grounds. The author also has a great book on American Revolution sites. It's similar in nature to this one. Updated review: My prior review was for the edition that came out in 1999. While I would recommend the 2011 version, I would downplay purchasing that one if you already have the 1999 one. In my opinion, it just doesn't have enough changes to make the update worth the money. While I see nothing in the book that I would take out, I do have a couple issues with the updated version. They have still mislabeled the bottom picture on page 24. The photo is that of the Borden House and NOT the Morrow House. They should have picked up on that this time around. A minor quibble (and I like most of the updated photographs), but Fort Donelson is one they clearly should have updated. There are now four additional cannon emplacements on the lower river battery and the trees you see in the older photograph have been removed. It's a much better battlefield experience now than it was a decade ago. Finally, I wish they would have included Corydon, Indiana in this book. While it was a small battle that was fought there, Corydon is well worth a stop if you are in the neighborhood. Since the state of Indiana is excluded from the book entirely, adding Corydon would have added to the number of states in the book and would have only taken up one more page. Despite what some will call nit-picking, I highly recommend this book to those with a casual interest in the war and those with a more intense interest.

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