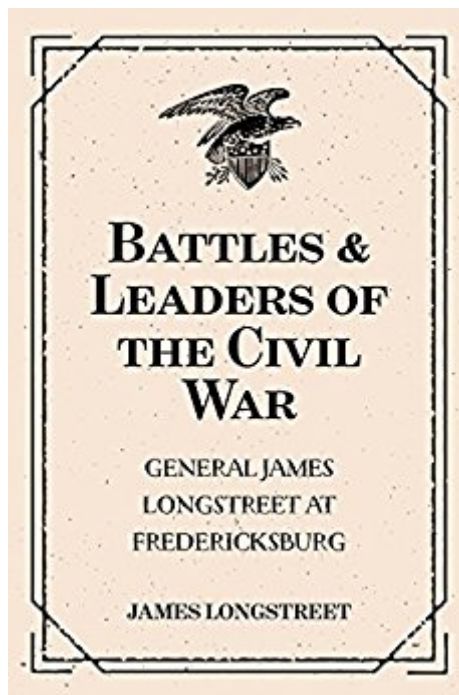




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One of the most important Confederate generals of the Civil War was Lieutenant General James Longstreet, the man Robert E. Lee called his "old war horse." Longstreet was arguably the best corps commander the Confederates have, and he played crucial roles at Antietam, Second Bull Run, Chickamauga, the Wilderness, and Fredericksburg. However, Longstreet had a controversial role at Gettysburg, when he was unable to roll up the Union Army of the Potomac's flank on Day 2 and Pickett's Charge failed on Day 3. Though Longstreet tried to talk Lee out of the attacks, they went forward, and Longstreet criticized Lee about them afterward, making him reviled among other Confederates. In turn, they tried to blame him for the loss at Gettysburg. Although Longstreet would dive headfirst into the controversies in his memoirs, his account of the Battle of Fredericksburg is less controversial in both his memoirs and other writings about the battle. This account, part of the well known Battles & Leaders of the Civil War Series, discusses the strategy and tactics of the battle of Fredericksburg, and what Longstreet would have done differently than Burnside.

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