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At Bull Run, two inexperienced, ill-trained and poorly led armies clashed in the opening engagement of the American Civil War (1861-1865). Culminating in a stalwart defensive fight by Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson's Virginia Brigade, this is the story of the Confederacy's first victory. The author investigates the personalities of the principal commanders and examines the opposing armies, showing how the widely varying uniforms of different units caused mistakes of identity which affected the battle at crucial points. Weapons, intelligence and the almost universal inexperience of troops on both sides are all discussed, helping to explain the events of the battle itself.

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Alan Hankinson has completed two volumes for Osprey on the American Civil War. Highly respected in his field, Alan's authoritative text clearly displays his passion for, and knowledge of the subject.

"First Bull Run 1861" is a well-written and extremely educational entry in the Osprey Campaign series. Author Alan Hankinson does a nicely even-handed job introducing the Civil War to the

general reader, before plunging into a highly readable narrative of the first Civil War campaign in the East. The author provides short biographies of the key leaders on each side of the campaign, and a short synopsis on the opposing armies, which were filled with green, poorly trained recruits and led by a combination of Mexican War veterans and leaders promoted from civilian life.Hankinson carefully dissects the battle itself, from its opening skirmishes to the climactic struggle for Henry Hill on the Confederate Army's left flank, and the inglorious retreat that followed. The text is supplemented by period illustrations and photographs, maps, and diagrams detailing portions of the battle. The narrative reminds the reader that both sides were learning how to make war, and that the inexperienced troops generally stood up pretty well to the test of battle. Hankinson's concluding remarks make clear how close the battle was, and how the course of the war turned on the results. There are a few minor errors, but the general reader might not even notice them. "First Bull Run 1861" is highly recommended to the general reader and the student as an introduction to the battle and the conflict.

Product is as anticipated. Good brief review of the civil war battle and the participants

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