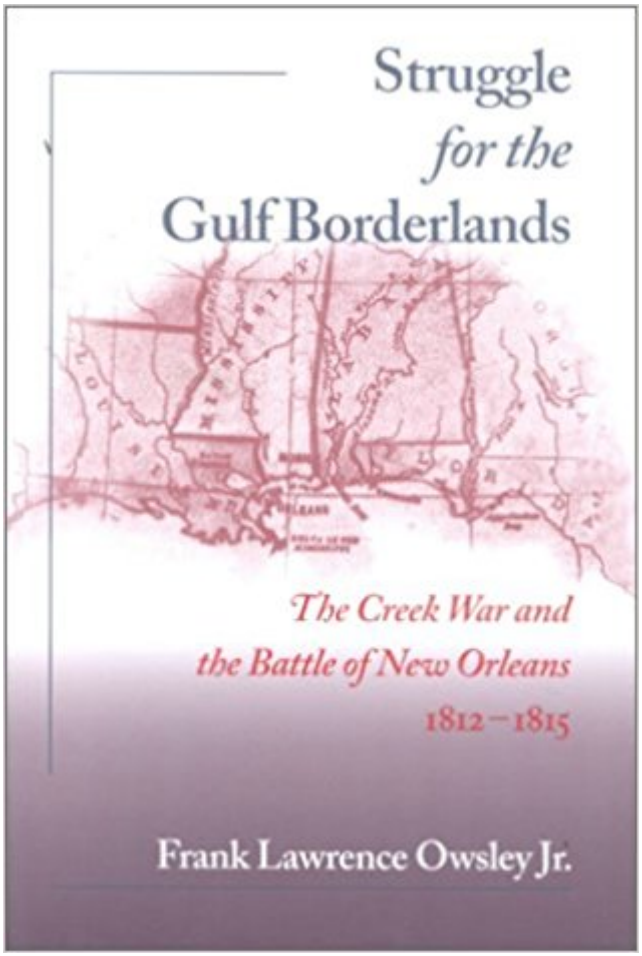
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Synopsis

This examination of the Creek War integrates the struggle with the larger conflict that broke out in 1812 between Britain and the USA. The author argues that the victories in the Gulf region were sufficient to claim the War of 1812 was not a draw, but a decisive American victory.

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One upon a time I shared the consensus opinion that the War of 1812 was a tie ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the Second War of Independence, in which the post-Revolutionary-War settlement was re-affirmed. Then I read ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The War of 1812,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• by Carl Benn, in which Mr. Benn put forward the notion that a fetal Canada created the environment for its own birth. I think he is right ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ right about the war in the north. Mr. OwsleyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s conclusion is that the US won the war in the South and the West. And I now think he is right. The Creek Nation lost the capacity to fight the US, the enfeeblement of Spain in Florida continued, and the US secured New Orleans and the Louisiana Purchase. The Treaty of Ghent did not address New Orleans nor Louisiana. I did not know this, nor did I know that ante-bellum Britain did not accept the legitimacy of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory. Mr OwsleyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s point: Had the Americans not won the Battle of New Orleans, the Brits would have restored Louisiana to Spain. Mr. Owsley is Professor Emeritus of History at Auburn University; his book is not literature, but neither is it crippled by academic jargon.

Dr. Owsley tells the story of the Gulf area during the War of 1812 in a very readable manner. His

work is quite thorough and includes a lot of detail about the skirmishes and battles. I recommend this to anyone with an interest in the War of 1812 and the Creek Indian War. The research done was well documented and any student of history will find this a great source.

racist nonsense from 1928, not worth the money, if you are native american or person of color, this book is not for you, written with the white supremacist bent of 1928 - absolute tripe

A theater of operations that with the exception of the Battle of New Orleans usually is ignored or only given cursory treatment.One gets a good idea of how tough campaigning in the SE United States was in 1812-1814. Lots of good information on Andrew Jackson that really helps one learn him more as a leader. The man’s force of personality was incredible. There is no question that in any era he would have stood out. If it had been 2000 years earlier he would have been a Roman Consul.

For decades to come this will be the standard reference work on this topic. Superbly researched utilizing not only the usual American sources, but the previously untapped archives of Spain and Great Britain. Owsley has integrated the Creek War into the larger framework of the War of 1812 causing the reader at some point to pronounce "Eureka" as you begin to acquire a whole new perspective on Andrew Jackson and the conflict with Great Britain.This may easily be the best history on the Creek War of 1813-1814. What could have been a completely altered history of the United States - if Andrew Jackson had not been in command, if he would have hesitated only weeks from the crucible campaign concluding at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, if the British would have landed the state-of-the-art muskets, artillery, military advisors/trainers, and cavalry accoutrements several weeks earlier than they did, if the Spanish had been more pro-active than they were for the Creeks, etc. - would have prevented us from our Manifest Destiny! I never before have read all of this with such fervor, explanation, and detail. Owsley makes the point that too many of our historians have belittled our accomplishments in these two interrelated wars and downplayed their significance. Often we have been led to believe that the War of 1812 was a "draw." He makes the point that it was on balance a resounding victory.Jackson’s being in the right place at the right time for the Battle of New Orleans would not have occurred but for his role in the Creek War and the overwhelming victory achieved. We would not have had the experienced and trained troops in place under his command but for the Creek War. And, inasmuch as the British did not recognize the validity of the Louisiana Purchase, if they had won the Battle of New Orleans then the Treaty of

Ghent signed in December 1814 would not have applied to any claims that they would have asserted over New Orleans, Louisiana, and their planned buffer states under the Creek Indians and their allies. The frontier would have been inflamed and we would have had strong buffer Indian states with which to contend and two mutually supportive European powers. All of this was prevented by Andrew Jackson and his juggernaut victory at Horseshoe Bend. The sheer quantum of international intrigue taking place at Pensacola and throughout the Gulf area is enlightening.This book is highly recommended by this reviewer. You will receive a whole new perspective on Andrew Jackson and his brave Tennessee and Georgia troops in the Creek War.

Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands is the best single book on the often-overlooked Gulf Coast Theater of the War of 1812. Well written and researched, Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands brings to light several little understood aspects of the War of 1812. First, it illustrates the previously overlooked interrelation of the Creek War and the bearing it had on the outcome of the War of 1812.Secondly, it details all military and political actions on the Gulf Coast leading up to the Battle of New Orleans. Most books focus only on the events of the battle, ignoring the many actions that had a direct influence on how the Battle of New Orleans was fought. Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands describes these events so one can understand thier impact on the outcome of the battle itself.Lastly, Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands brings to light the divergent Southern opinion that the War of 1812 was a great military victory. From the Southern perspective, victory was nearly complete; the Creeks had been destroyed (opening more land for settlement); the Mobile territory had been annexed; and a major British invasion had been decisively stopped. The book contrasts this Southern perspective to the typical Northern view that the War of 1812 was at best a draw, which is the general view put forward by the majority of books on this subject.Overall, the book is readable and informative. It is important for the new ideas and information it brings to the history of an area and a period. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in either the Creek War or the War of 1812.

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