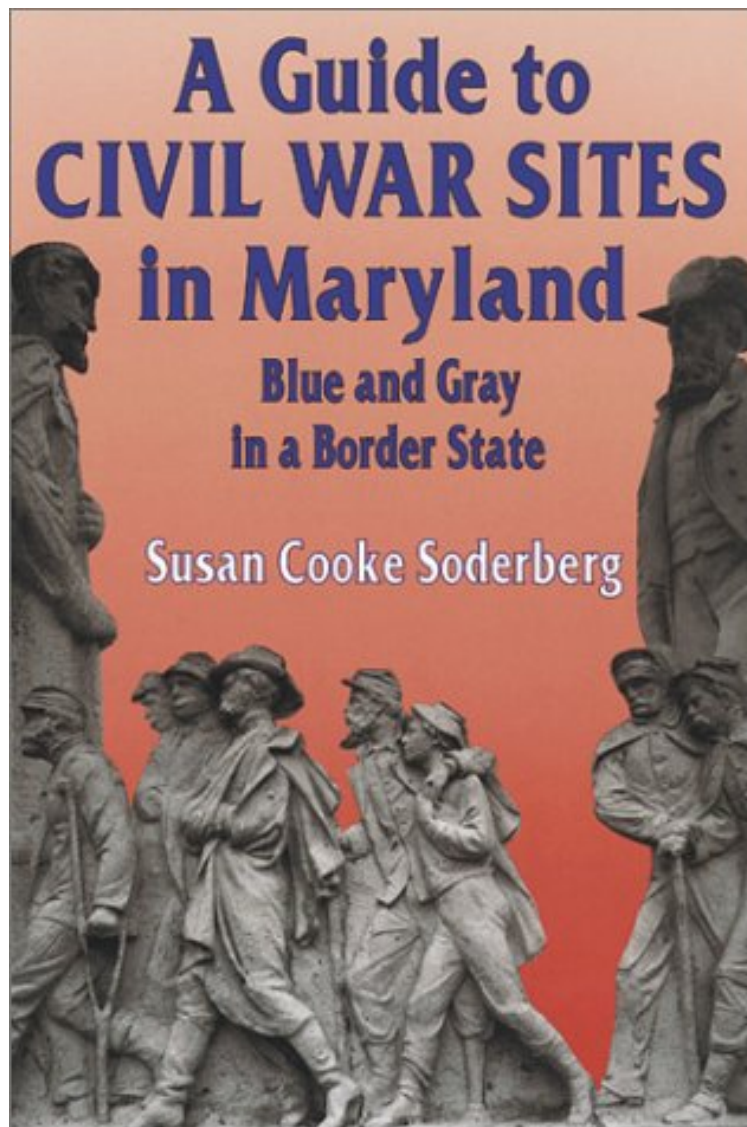


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Travelers can follow the routes of both Union and Confederate armies, discover monuments in small towns and appreciate the impact of the Civil War on Maryland. If you want to touch the "hallowed ground" of a battlefield, follow in the footsteps of the ghosts of legions of soldiers as they tramped through the countryside of Maryland, or see with your own eyes how a Confederate smuggler's boat could disappear in the glare of the sun on the waters of the Potomac, then you need A Guide to Civil War Sites in Maryland. With more than two-hundred sites this book is the most comprehensive Civil War guide to Maryland ever published. Whether you travel by car, on foot, or by armchair this manual will lead you to both familiar places, and to places off the beaten track--all chosen to present an overall view of the Civil War in Maryland and how it affected the people who lived there. Detailed maps, and precise directions lead the traveler to each site, and modern photographs further help to identify sites. The volume is organized into nine regions for easier reference. It is equipped with a complete index and an index of sites. To make this guide even more valuable, more than ninety notable Marylanders of the Civil War who have been mentioned in the text receive short biographies in the appendix.

From Library Journal The state of Maryland was unique at the time of the Civil War. Geographically, it sat between the North and the South; traditionally, it had been a Southern state. But because of the change from an agricultural to an industrial society and with the influx of many Pennsylvania Germans, it was no longer Southern either economically or culturally. Within the state itself, opinion was divided. As a result, people from neighboring towns found themselves fighting on opposite sides during the war. Soderberg, a historian and author of several other books about the Civil War, offers a complete history of Maryland's complex role during the Civil War. To introduce us to the various Civil War sites, she has divided the state into nine sections, with a map for each one. Her sites include everything from the Antietam National Battlefield to Clara Barton's house to the Chesapeake Maritime Museum. She provides directions for each site and sometimes a telephone number and hours. The sites are not rated as to their importance during the war or their interest as tourist attractions. In addition, the maps are not highly detailed, and without a map of the whole state showing the locations of the nine sections it is difficult to imagine using them as a basis for a tour. Soderberg is clearly knowledgeable about Civil War events in Maryland, so as a history, this book is detailed and informative. As a travel guide, however, it is less successful. Recommended for libraries with large Civil War collections. A Julia Stump, Voorheesville P.L., NY Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.