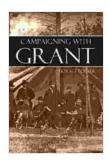
# Campaigning With Grant: Annotated Horace Porter

### **By Bruce Catton**

Ulysses S. Grant is one of the most enigmatic figures in American history. A brilliant general who led the Union to victory in the Civil War, he was also a controversial president who struggled to rebuild the nation during the Reconstruction era. In *Campaigning With Grant*, Bruce Catton provides a fresh perspective on Grant's life and career, drawing on the insights of his close associate, Horace Porter.



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Porter was a young staff officer who served under Grant during the Civil War. He kept a detailed diary of his experiences, which provides a unique window into Grant's leadership style and personal character. Catton has annotated Porter's diary, adding his own insights and analysis. The result is

a fascinating and informative book that offers a new understanding of one of America's most important historical figures.

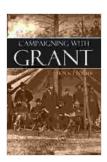
Catton begins his book by describing Grant's early life and career. Grant was born in Ohio in 1822, and he graduated from West Point in 1843. He served in the Mexican-American War, and he resigned from the army in 1854 to pursue a career in business. However, when the Civil War broke out in 1861, Grant returned to the army and quickly rose through the ranks.

Catton provides a detailed account of Grant's military campaigns during the Civil War. He describes Grant's victories at Vicksburg and Chattanooga, as well as his final triumph at Appomattox Court House. Catton also discusses Grant's relationship with his generals, including William Tecumseh Sherman and Philip Sheridan. He argues that Grant was a brilliant strategist who was able to inspire his troops to victory.

After the Civil War, Grant was elected president of the United States. He served two terms, from 1869 to 1877. During his presidency, Grant oversaw the Reconstruction of the South. He also worked to improve the nation's economy and infrastructure. However, Grant's presidency was also marked by scandal and corruption. He was criticized for his handling of the Panic of 1873, and he was accused of accepting bribes from businessmen.

Catton concludes his book by discussing Grant's legacy. He argues that Grant was a great general who saved the Union. However, he also acknowledges that Grant was a flawed president. Catton writes that Grant was "a man of contradictions, a complex and enigmatic figure who left a lasting mark on American history."

Campaigning With Grant is a must-read for anyone interested in the life and career of Ulysses S. Grant. Bruce Catton's insightful analysis and Horace Porter's firsthand account provide a fresh perspective on one of America's most important historical figures.



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