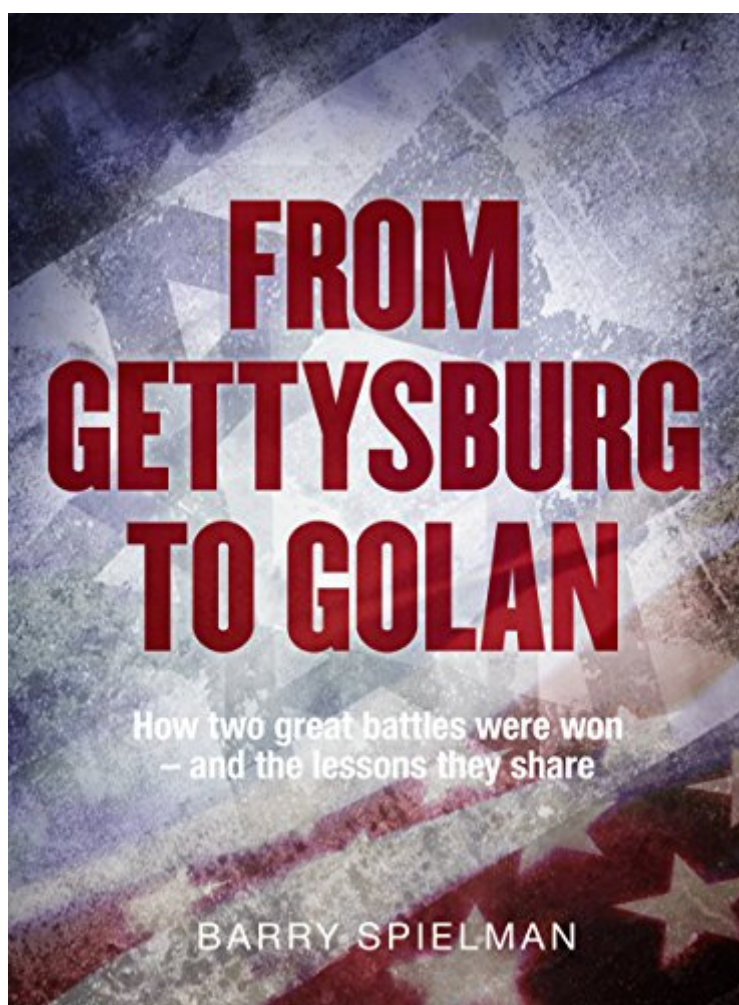


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Two great battles, two historic outcomes: defeat in either would have changed the destiny of America and Israel. In this riveting comparative history, From Gettysburg to Golan, Lieutenant Colonel Barry Spielman shows for the first time the extraordinary similarities between the battles of Gettysburg (1863) and Golan Heights (1973). In both battles, holding the high ground would prove vital; in both, the defenders (the Union and Israeli armies) would rapidly shift their forces from one position to the next to hold off and ultimately defeat the ferocious enemy attacks that threatened to overwhelm them. The stakes were incredibly high. Had they lost, the Union may have been forced to cede defeat to the South and the United States would have fallen apart, the history of the world irrevocably altered; Israel would have been cut in half and destroyed. By moving between the two theatres of war as the battles progressed, Spielman delivers a gripping, blow-by-blow account of how Gettysburg and Golan were won - and the lessons they share.

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I completed this book in one night, and read it almost like a Robert Harris thriller. This is incredible

as we know the end. Barry Spielman draws significant parallels between the Civil War and the Kippur War, and the transitions are natural and smooth. Be it the Valley of Death or the Valley of Tears, the Union's Captain Biglow buying time against the Confederate 21st Mississippi or the one-man "Zvika Force" holding the line for 3 critical hours, be it General Winfield Scott Hancock or Avigdor Kahalani - we see the action unfolding before our eyes. Despite the military strategy and tactical angles, what I will remember from this book are men - generals and privates, right and wrong, commanding their troops (Vincent and Chamberlain, Zamir) or making huge mistakes (Dan Sickles), and quotes by Meade and others. You don't have to be a military buff to enjoy this highly readable book !

Informative and well written. This book, a comparison of the similarities between the US Civil War's Battle at Gettysburg and Israel's defense of the Golan Heights in the 1973 Yom Kippur War does in book form exactly what an excellent documentary should on film. It makes you want to keep reading whether you know everything about the subject matter or nothing at all. Spielman's alternating chapters comparing the 19th century battle for, and the defense of, the high ground at Gettysburg and the surprise attack by overwhelming numbers of Syrian tanks against an unprepared Israeli contingent defending the high ground of the Golan Heights, at the start of the 1973 War, keeps you on the edge of your seat even though the outcome is part of historical record. The author clearly knows his material. An enjoyable, quick read that teaches and entertains while packing a punch. Highly (and enthusiastically) recommended.

Fascinating and inspiring. The author successfully captures the dramatic nature of both battles, allowing the reader not only to understand what took place, but identify with those who fought and sacrificed. Also a wonderful demonstration of his passion and shared love for two great countries and two great nations!

This amazing book tells the story of each battle almost as if the reader is a witness! The remarkable comparison, revealed in each page, shows the depth of Spielman's knowledge and passion. It reads like a novel, but the reality of the facts are bone chilling! One realizes that the outcome of each battle would have been disastrous if not for the brilliance of the commanders. This is a not-to-be missed treasure of history!

This was a excellent comparison of two battles that superficially appear very different, but upon

closer inspection have many similarities. Among these are the defender's use of interior lines, movement of forces to fill gaps in the defenses, and the critical use of terrain. I especially enjoyed reading of the author's personal connection to the battles, through many hours spent touring the battlefields and conversations with the survivors. A very good read and highly recommended!

Barry certainly captured the excitement of the battles, in a play by play manner, and the narrative bounces back and forth between the two, showing the contrast and similarities. He conveyed the gravity of the events with his thorough knowledge of history and comfort with the details. His firsthand interviews with the Golan heroes adds authenticity and is very unique. I enjoyed the book very much.

A great read, especially for those familiar with the battle at Gettysburg. Plenty of details and great research shows through. Get ready to be pulled in and sense the fog of war. Since my geography of Israel is a little weak, some additional resources from the web will make reading easier.

Very detailed and informative.

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