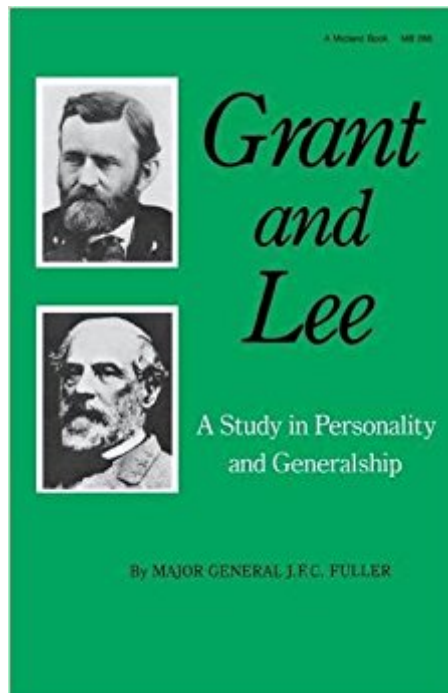


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# Grant And Lee: A Study In Personality And Generalship



## Synopsis

"... cuts squarely across the accepted tradition... Fuller examines these two great soldiers from a fresh viewpoint and refuses to let himself be bound by tradition." *New York Times Book Review* "... readable, instructive, stimulating, and... controversial as when first published."

*Military Review* First published fifty years ago, Fuller's study of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee remains one of his most brilliant and durable works, Grant and Lee is a compelling study not only of the two men, but also of the nature of leadership and command in wartime.

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## Customer Reviews

First published fifty years ago, this analysis of the generalship of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee remains one of the most readable histories of the Civil War. The author began his research sharing the generally held assumption that Lee was a great general and Grant a clumsy 'butcher.' By the time Fuller completed his project, however, he regarded Grant as the greatest general of his age and one of the greatest strategists of any age. Grant and Lee is a compelling study not only of two remarkable men but also of the nature of leadership and command in wartime.

General J F C Fuller is one of the most famous, and outstanding, writers of military history. This book, along with another by the same author, The Generalship of Ulysses S. Grant, changed my whole opinion of the two greatest Generals of the American Civil War. Until I read this book I too

held the traditional view that Grant was victorious over Lee simply because of his greater resources and a determination to move forward regardless of losses. Grant never suffered a defeat, some will say he lost at Shiloh but the consensus is he was the victor. Lee was defeated in the West Virginian Campaign, at Antietam, again some will disagree, at Gettysburg and again at Petersburg. Grant also was the victor of the most decisive battle of the war at Vicksburg. As for being a butcher, Grant's casualty rates were lower than Lee's. Grants armies were well equipped and relatively disciplined. Lee's army was known for straggling, desertion, and for being the worst supplied of the Confederate armies. All of these deficiencies must be laid at Lee's feet because he was the Commander, and he was responsible. Fuller explains these observations and others as well, and he does it using the facts very convincingly. While Lee was indeed the greater personality, Grant was the greater general. This book is an important and valuable reference and should be read by any student of the Civil War.

Great book at a great price. I am a fan of this particular author and am appreciative of the opportunity to get of copy of this work.

One of Fuller's very best, with some extraordinary character study of Grant and Lee, in the usual Fuller tradition. One of the best military history books I have ever read, for that reason.

This book is all about generalship. A generals character and personality, are the dominating forces that mold a general. Fuller attempts to explain the personality of both Grant and Lee. Then Fuller moves onto the details of generalship. Fuller explains the battle plans, strategies, and objectives, of various US Civil War battles. Fuller points out the good, the bad, and the ugly, of all the events that result from lee and Grant's tactics. The descriptions of the various battles, and how the Civil War leaders reacted, turn this book into a page turning thriller. The book is written by a British General named, J.F.C. Fuller. I felt this helped the books objectivity. Fuller admits before any research, he considered Grant to be a butcher, and Lee a strategical wizard. Fuller then researches the US Civil War, and realizes the true story is much different. I highly recommend this book, to anyone interested in military history.

Great review by an old general on the differences between Grant and Lee as war generals.

There are so many books on this subject that it's easy to start a fight from any point of view. Fuller is

writing from across the Atlantic, and I believe that has given him a perspective that makes for a clear study of the two men. Fuller makes good use of Freemantle's observations from the latter's time in the Confederacy, extending observations into well reasoned analysis. This one is worth reading.

J.F.C. Fuller is highly respected by the best history scholars. But his writing is easily understandable by the layman. This book will overturn all traditional ideas concerning these two great men. While Lee will still be great, Grant will be seen to be an immortal. This copy, my second, will go to a young marine who is greatly interested in history.

The book arrived prior to delivery date, and in condition described. I was very pleased to obtain a copy, for it gave a very clear picture of how these two men thought, and why the Civil War ended the way it did.

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