

Sherman's Civil War: A Merciless and Brilliant General

William Tecumseh Sherman, the Union general known as "Old Tecumseh" or "Uncle Billy," was a controversial figure in the American Civil War. His famous "March to the Sea" through Georgia and the Carolinas in 1864-1865 is considered one of the most destructive campaigns in American military history. Sherman's tactics were ruthless and effective, but they also left a lasting legacy of bitterness and division in the South.

Sherman was born in Ohio in 1820, and he graduated from West Point in 1840. He served in the Mexican-American War, where he earned a reputation for bravery and skill. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Sherman was appointed to command the Union forces in Kentucky. He quickly proved to be a capable and aggressive leader, and he won several important victories, including the battles of Shiloh and Vicksburg.

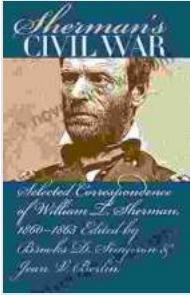
In 1864, Sherman was promoted to command of the Union forces in the West. He immediately set out on a campaign to destroy the Confederate army under the command of General Joseph E. Johnston. Sherman's army marched through Georgia, burning and destroying everything in its path. Sherman's goal was to destroy the South's ability to make war, and he believed that the best way to do this was to target the civilian population.

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Sherman's "March to the Sea" was a brutal and destructive campaign. His army burned down homes, businesses, and crops, and they stole food and livestock from the civilians. Sherman's tactics were designed to terrorize the Southern population and to force them to surrender. Sherman believed that the only way to end the war was to destroy the South's will to fight, and he was willing to use any means necessary to achieve this goal.

Sherman's "March to the Sea" was a success from a military standpoint. Johnston's army was defeated, and the Confederate government was forced to surrender in 1865. However, Sherman's tactics were also a major source of controversy. Many people, both in the North and the South, condemned his actions as being cruel and unnecessary. Sherman's reputation has been debated ever since, and he remains one of the most controversial figures in American history.

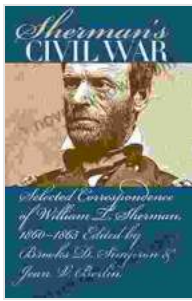
In addition to his military career, Sherman was also a successful businessman and author. After the war, he served as the president of the St. Louis Merchants Exchange, and he also wrote several books about his experiences in the Civil War. Sherman died in New York City in 1891.

Sherman's legacy is a complex one. He was a brilliant military strategist, but he was also a ruthless and destructive commander. His "March to the Sea" was a major turning point in the Civil War, but it also left a lasting legacy of bitterness and division in the South. Sherman's reputation is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most important figures in American history.

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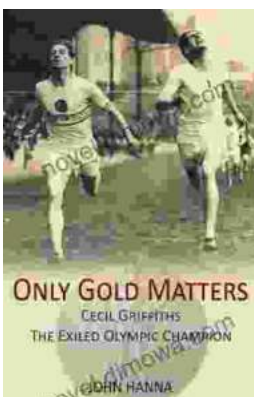
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