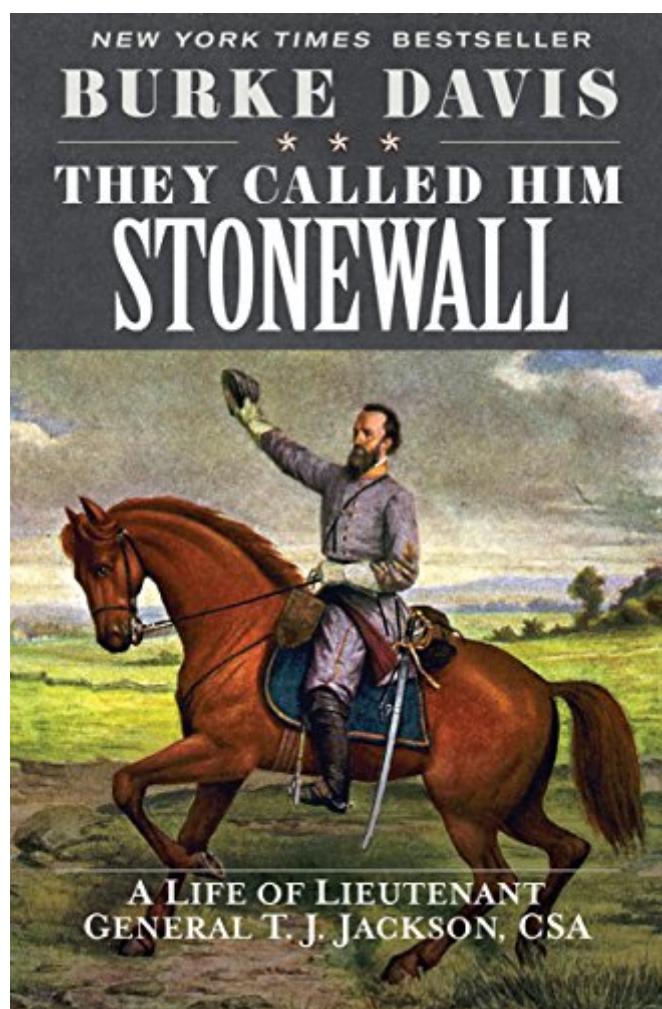


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They Called Him Stonewall: A Life Of Lieutenant General T. J. Jackson, CSA



Synopsis

The New York Times' best-selling biography of the South's most brilliant and audacious military commander. With the exception of Robert E. Lee, no Confederate general was more feared or admired than Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Once derisively known as "Tom Fool," Jackson was an innovative battlefield strategist who struck terror in the hearts of Union army commanders and inspired Confederate soldiers to victory after victory in the early days of the Civil War. A fanatically religious man, Jackson prayed at the start and conclusion of every battle yet showed no mercy when confronting the enemy. Eccentric, enigmatic, and fiercely intelligent, he became the stuff of legend soon after he died from wounds suffered during the Battle of Chancellorsville; his untimely death would help to change the course of the conflict. Based on a wealth of first-person sources, including Jackson's private papers and correspondences, and the memoirs of family, friends, and colleagues, *They Called Him Stonewall* is a masterful portrait of the man behind the myth.

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Customer Reviews

Like all of Historian Burke Davis' works, this book is well researched, well written, insightful, and compelling. Davis weaves a powerful and even moving narrative of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson. Unlike most Civil War historians, Davis does not shy away from discussing Jackson's mistakes and failures of command. This book is recommended for students of the American Civil War, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and the Confederate and Union armies they commanded or fought.

What a well written book. I was captivated from the first paragraph. Mr. Davis's research displays itself as a work from the heart. My only regret is the lack of the photographs that could have been included, alas if you seek those you will have to search the net for them. A couple of maps wouldn't have hurt either. Short of that, this was a great read and well worth your time.

This work paints Stonewall Jackson as neither hero or villain, but as a man who wanted to defend his precious Virginia. He really had no love for the Confederacy, his love was for his Virginia and his wife. His only thought was to end the war and protect Virginia so he could be with his wife he loved so dearly. He was clearly uncomfortable with his fame and greatness. He lived and died as the soldier he was.

Well written book of one of the most interesting generals of the civil war. The author well described the person as well as his emotions. Good and interesting narrative of this hero of the confederacy!

A very well researched book that enlightens the reader as to the life of this much-loved southern General. Crammed with facts which at times made a somewhat tedious read. Glad I fought through to the end as did this important historical warrior.

I'll admit right up front that I'm a Stonewall Jackson fan. That having been said, I think this is one outstanding book! I've enjoyed every page of it and think it takes one thru Jackson's life from his cadet days at West Point thru his death in an interesting way that also gives tremendous insight into the battles in which he was on the field. This one definitely has earned a special space on my Civil War bookshelf.

As a native son of Virginia born in Jackson's home (hospital), it is always educational to learn more

about the man!!

This is, in my opinion, a very good biography of a remarkable Confederate general whose loss by accidental death caused great sorrow to his men and to General Lee. I enjoyed learning more about his life and capabilities as a general.

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