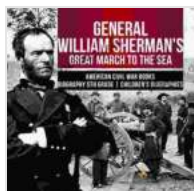


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General William Sherman, a towering figure in American history, played a pivotal role in the Union's victory during the American Civil War. His military brilliance, unwavering determination, and controversial tactics left an indelible mark on the conflict and the nation's landscape. This comprehensive fifth edition of his biography delves into Sherman's extraordinary life and legacy, providing a fresh perspective on his contributions to American history.

Early Life and Military Career

William Tecumseh Sherman was born on February 8, 1820, in Lancaster, Ohio. His early life was marked by tragedy and adversity, with the loss of both his parents at a young age. Despite these challenges, Sherman

excelled in his studies and was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1836.



After graduating from West Point, Sherman served with distinction in the Seminole Wars and the Mexican-American War. His bravery and tactical acumen earned him the respect of his superiors and laid the foundation for his future military success.

The American Civil War

When the American Civil War erupted in 1861, Sherman initially commanded Union forces in the Western Theater. He quickly gained a reputation for his aggressive and unorthodox tactics, often outmaneuvering and outfighting his Confederate opponents.

In 1864, Sherman was appointed to lead the Union's Military Division of the Mississippi. His most famous campaign, known as the "Great March to the Sea," began in November of that year. With an army of over 60,000 men, Sherman embarked on a devastating march through Georgia, targeting Confederate infrastructure and resources.

The Great March to the Sea

Sherman's "Great March to the Sea" was a masterpiece of military strategy. His army ruthlessly destroyed railroads, bridges, factories, and anything else that could aid the Confederate war effort. Sherman's goal was not only to defeat Confederate forces but also to break the will of the Southern population and hasten the end of the war.

The march was a brutal and controversial campaign. Sherman's troops engaged in widespread looting and destruction, leaving a trail of devastation in their wake. However, Sherman argued that his tactics were necessary to bring about a swift and decisive victory.



Map of Sherman's 'Great March to the Sea'

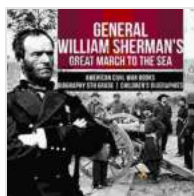
Sherman's march culminated in the capture of Savannah, Georgia, on December 21, 1864. The victory was a major turning point in the war and helped pave the way for the Union's eventual triumph.

Legacy and Impact

General William Sherman's legacy is complex and controversial. He was a brilliant military strategist who played a crucial role in the Union's victory. However, his tactics were also criticized for their brutality and destruction.

Sherman's "Great March to the Sea" remains one of the most studied and debated campaigns in American military history. Its legacy continues to be debated by historians and military experts to this day.

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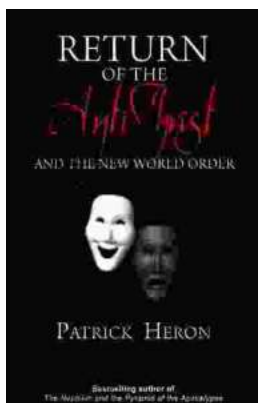
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