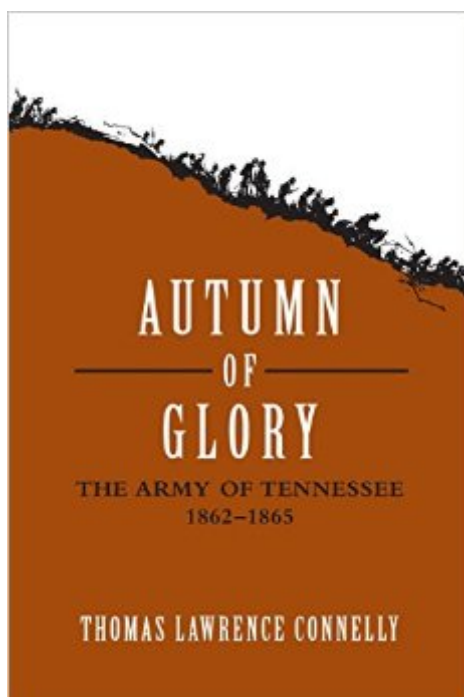


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Synopsis

This text follows the reoffensive of General Braxton Bragg in Tennessee in 1862, through to the Southern retreat in 1865.

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Connelly was one of the best western Civil War historians and the expert on the Army of Tennessee. This Army with so much promise in the heady days of Perryville and near success at Stone's River experiences a costly but hard won victory at Chickamauga only to have the master of personal conflict General Bragg throw the lost opportunity away by having volatile arguments with his Generals. Bragg was a very good organizer but had conflicts with his leadership that caused a cabal to build asking for his ouster. Connelly captured all the conflicts that finally require Davis to hold a council with all the generals. Amazing that Davis asked all the leaders of the army to express their feelings about Bragg with him present and then keep Bragg on causing a rupture of command. Several generals are reassigned, Longstreet and Bragg don't get along causing a serious coordination loss while the siege of Chattanooga is in process. As a result Longstreet and 1/3 of the army is sent to east Tennessee while Grant's swollen forces wash away the Army of Tennessee and taking Bragg's command away. Connelly not only covers the poor condition of the confederate soldiers, great detail on the campaigns but also the political maneuvering. Joe Johnston replaces Bragg but in turn he is undermined by Hood's letters to Davis. The cautious Johnson is replaced by Hood outside of Atlanta resulting in frontal assaults that weaken the army severely losing Atlanta in the process. Hood tries to lure Sherman on a wild goose chase which Sherman gives up but then

Hood oddly leaves Sherman in Georgia while he marches back to Tennessee. As Connelly vividly writes, after a lost opportunity at Spring Hill, Hood retaliates against his command by ordering the destructive frontal assaults at Franklin.

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