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The principal feature of ANTIETAM THEN & NOW is the juxtaposition of historical photographs (some from 1862, others from later years such as when various memorials were dedicated) with contemporary photographs taken from the same perspective. It is a rather modest endeavor, but it is surprisingly informative. The book also includes an excellent two-page summary of the Battle, as well as a simple but useful map of the Antietam National Battlefield on which roads and sites mentioned in the book are clearly located. The textual accompaniments to the photographs are succinct, easily comprehensible, and intelligent. I have been to the Antietam National Battlefield twice in the past fifteen years and I have read at least four other books about Antietam, including William Frassanito’s classic "Antietam: The Photographic Legacy of America’s Bloodiest Day”. Still, I enjoyed ANTIETAM THEN & NOW and I learned a few new things. My principal reason for buying it was to bring with me next week when I take my fourteen-year-old godson there. Having now reviewed the book, I am confident that he will find it a very helpful orientation for his first trip there. The book can easily be read and absorbed in an hour, and I heartily recommend it as introductory reading before visiting Antietam - something that I urge all Americans to do, both because of its historical significance and because, as the authors note, "Antietam is probably the best-preserved Civil War battlefield in America."
I love seeing the before and after photos of this sacred place where so many lost their lives. You can barely step foot anywhere in Antietam without walking where a man died. We should never forget what happened in this place.

The book is all expected it to be - then and now pictures - would be very useful to battlefield visitors in locating where various actions took place - it is hard to visualize the battlefield when the corn field now a parking lot, Highly recommended.

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