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Nathan Bedford Forrest is best known for his role as a Confederate officer in the American War for Southern Independence. While most Forrest biographies discuss his military career in great detail, what they do not provide is the General's own perspective of the conflict. In his one-of-a-kind book, "Give 'Em Hell Boys!", Forrest scholar, Forrest relation, Southern historian, and award-winning author Lochlainn Seabrook handily remedies this situation. Neatly divided into five sections for each year of Lincoln's War, as the subtitle indicates, the book encompasses all of the General's military correspondence, from 1861 to 1865. In the 300 fascinating footnoted entries included, we find Forrest's reports, dispatches, orders, returns, letters, notes, communiques, and telegrams, as he himself wrote or dictated them, usually from the battlefield. His missives were sent out to a wide assortment of Civil War figures, from the president of the Confederacy (Jefferson Davis) and fellow Confederate officers to his Yankee enemies, most of the communications with the latter which ended with unsurprising results: immediate surrender! Through Forrest's own words, we are able to track not only the progress of the War, but his rise from private to lieutenant general (one rank shy of full general)-the only man on either side to achieve such a feat. Included along with a bibliography and an index are such extras as a historical time line of the highlights of Forrest's life, a list of all of his engagements, and a section on his recognition by the Confederate Congress. Like the author's numerous other works on Forrest, "Give 'Em Hell Boys!" (named after one of his most famous war cries) will help destroy the many anti-South myths surrounding the General, giving him back his rightful place as a lauded American patriot and Southern icon. Learn about both Forrest the man and the Rebel officer from the great Confederate chieftain himself, in this captivating read that is already well on its way to becoming a standard in Civil War literature. Civil War scholar Lochlainn Seabrook, a descendant of the families of Alexander H. Stephens and John S. Mosby, is the most prolific and popular pro-South writer in the world today. Known as the "new Shelby Foote," he is a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal and the author of over 45 books. A seventh-generation Kentuckian of Appalachian heritage and the sixth great-grandson of the Earl of Oxford, Mr. Seabrook has a forty-year background in American and Southern history, and is the author of the runaway bestseller "Everything You Were Taught About the Civil War is Wrong, Ask a Southerner!" His other works include "The Great Yankee Coverup: What the North Doesn't Want You to Know About Lincoln's War"; "Confederate Flag Facts: What Every American Should Know About Dixie's Southern Cross"; "Confederacy 101: Amazing Facts You Never Knew About America's Oldest Political Tradition"; and "Everything You Were Taught About American Slavery is Wrong, Ask a Southerner!"

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