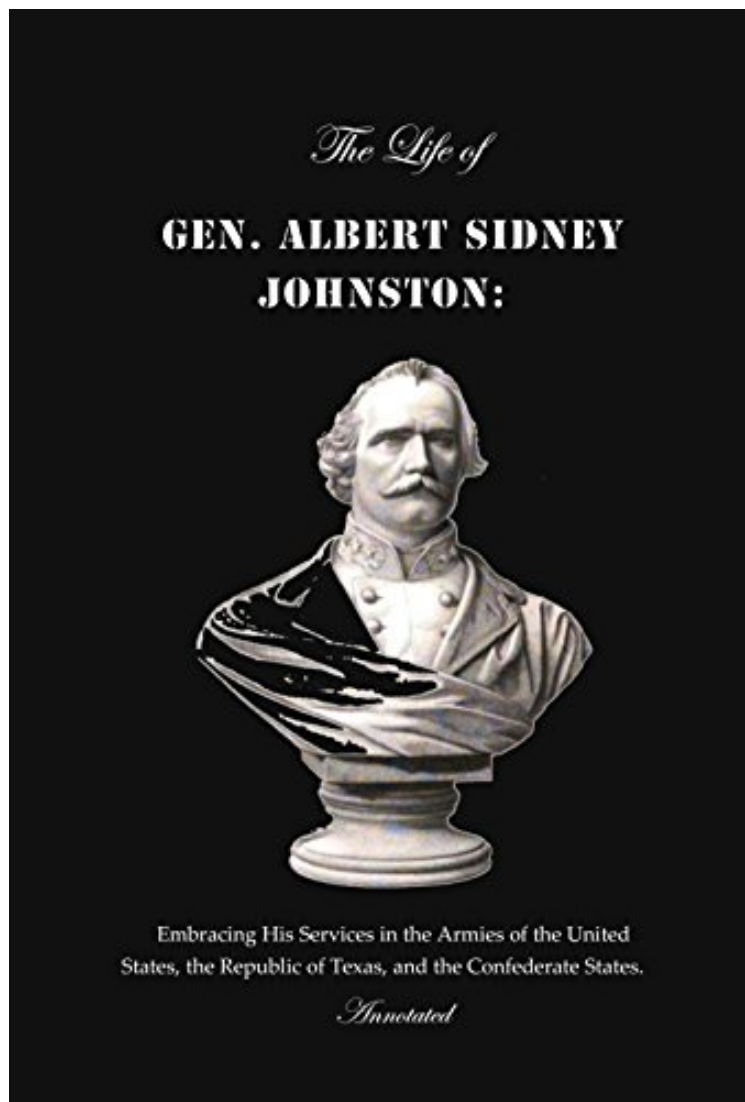


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An interesting, if prejudiced, biography. Von bendsley@ghg.net This life of General Albert Sidney Johnston was written by his son about twenty years after the War Between The States. It covers his entire career, while concentrating upon the events surrounding the fall of Fort Donelson and the battle of Shiloh. It is obviously designed to prove that Gen. Johnston was not to blame for the fall of Fort Donelson, and that he deserves credit for a great strategic success at Shiloh, which was spoiled by his untimely death. Despite the propaganda, I quite enjoyed the book. Gen. Johnston was highly regarded by President Davis. Many thought him to be the equal (or superior) to Lee and that his death was a great tragedy to the Confederacy. The book is somewhat dense reading, containing numerous letters to support the author's case. Many were solicited from the surviving participants after the war.

KurzbeschreibungOne ordinarily thinks of General Albert Sidney Johnston merely as the Confederate general who lost his life at the Battle of Shiloh April 6, 1862. In reality, Johnston was a general in three different armies: the United States Army, the Republic of Texas, and the Confederate States Army. Compared to his service in these armies, his time in the Confederate Army was relatively short, and he died too soon in the war to have established a martial standing along with a Lee or a Jackson. Johnston had participated in a wide range of fighting, seeing action in the Black Hawk War, the War for Texas Independence, the Mexican War, the Mormon War in Utah, and finally the War Between the States, commonly called the American Civil War. Highly regarded as one of the best generals in the Confederate army by President Jefferson Davis, he has the distinction of being the highest-ranking Union or Confederate officer killed during Civil War. Who better to write the biography of this exemplary soldier than his son, William Preston Johnston? The younger Johnsons biography of his father, published in 1878, is unrivaled to this day. It is the go to book for anyone wishing to study the life of this remarkable man and those like him who did so much to forge the nation into one that would stretch entirely across the continent. This is a long book, but still one that will hold the readers interest. It is also a keeper as a reference book to the student of American history, particularly of the 19th century wars. Foreign phrases have been translated by the editor and explanatory notes have been added as an aid for the contemporary reader. Anyone interested in history or adventure will enjoy this book.

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ber den Autor und weitere MitwirkendeThe author, William Preston Johnston was born January 5, 1831, in Louisville, Kentucky to ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON and HENRIETTA PRESTON JOHNSTON. His mother died of tuberculosis when he was quite young, and his father married the second time to Eliza Griffen (a cousin to Henrietta) in 1843. After attending Western Military Institute in Kentucky, he entered Yale College in New Haven, Connecticut. The picture above is from the Yale yearbook. Following his studies there, he earned a law degree from the Louisville School of Law and practiced in this profession until the beginning of the War Between the States. During the early months of 1861, Johnston allied with the CSA, and began to recruit other Kentuckians to join the Confederate Cause. He joined the 2nd Kentucky Regiment as a major, but soon became a part of the 1st Kentucky Infantry as a Lt. Colonel. This unit was part of the clashes near Centerville and Fairfax Court House after the Battle of First Manassas. After an attack of camp fever and pneumonia, he served in a less physically demanding, but no less important duty, as Aide de Camp to President Jefferson Davis. He served as a close consultant to Davis and also was on the battlefield evaluating military necessities and carrying dispatches. He was among those of the Davis caravan who were forced to flee from Richmond, and was captured along with the former Confederate president in Georgia on May 10, 1865. Young Preston was sent to Ft. Delaware

Military Prison, where he spent several months in solitary confinement before being released. He spent some time in Canada before returning to practice law in Louisville. By 1867, Robert E. Lee was President of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia. Lee recruited Johnston for a professorship in history and English Literature. Here he remained until 1877, and by 1880 became President of Louisiana State University, solving many problems; low enrollment among them, during his three year stay. In 1883 he was asked to become president of a new private university called Tulane in New Orleans. William Preston Johnston served there for fifteen years and is credited for the rapid rise of Tulane as a school of excellence. He died in Lexington, Virginia on July 16, 1899, at the home of his son-in-law, Henry St. George Tucker, a U.S. Congressman. His body rests in Cave Hill Cemetery, near Louisville, Kentucky.