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### Description:

**From** Pulitzer Prize winner McMurry continues to be an outstanding chronicler of western legend and lore. He has retained a long fascination with the myths surrounding General Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn. This book is neither a comprehensive nor a conventional biography of Custer. Instead, McMurry offers a series of vignettes and musings about various aspects of Custer's career, his personality, and the cultural milieu that led to his iconic status. Despite his interest in his subject, McMurry often paints an unflattering and probably unfair portrait of Custer. He claims all of his officers despised him, which ignores his small but loyal core of supporters within the Seventh Cavalry. He suggests Custer lacked conscience, forgetting his principled but damaging (for him)

testimony before Congress about corruption on Indian reservations. Still, newcomers to Custermania will find many of the tidbits very interesting, and that should encourage them to read more comprehensive biographies. --Jay Freeman

**Review** "A brief, breezy tour of the man and the conflict, complete with an astonishing variety of photographs and artistic renderings. . . . The reader is in good hands; it's as if McMurtry invited a customer to the back of his Texas bookstore to spend an afternoon going through his collection."  
(Timothy Egan *The New York Times Book Review*)

"The celebrated novelist offers . . . fresh insights on the Custer story. . . . The distilled perceptions of a lifetime of study, beautifully illustrated."  
(*Kirkus Review*)

"Pulitzer Prize-winner McMurtry continues to be an outstanding chronicler of Western legend and lore."  
(*Booklist*)

"One of America's great storytellers."  
(*The Wall Street Journal*)

"Larry McMurtry has the power to clutch the heart and also to exhilarate."  
(*The New Yorker*)

"Few authors match McMurtry's voice of unsentimental authority."  
(*Chicago Tribune*)

"McMurtry has reminded us that, in the hands of a maser, entertaining, old-fashioned storytelling rooted firmly in uniquely American experiences and landscape is pretty darn hard to beat."  
(*The Washington Post*)

"McMurtry's book does what dozens of others on Custer have not. It cuts through many of the myths. . . . It's entertaining and educational at the same time."  
(*USA Today* (3.5 out of 4 stars))

"It is plain speaking that McMurtry delivers . . . the same laconic, whimsical voice that makes his novels so entertaining and readable. The effect is as if one is sitting in a small lecture hall, listening as McMurtry tells his stories from a few notes in a rambling style . . . often revealing and insightful as well as wry and funny."  
(*The Star Tribune (Minneapolis)*)

"Larry McMurtry, chronicler of the American West, takes on the controversial figure of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer in his newest book . . . to contribute to the canon with a short biography that would help bring the complex man into focus."  
(*The Wall Street Journal*)

"Thoroughness wasn't Larry McMurtry's aim when he set out to write this brief treatment. . . . What McMurtry has produced is indeed appealing, with vivid images of Custer, his family and his battles. . . . Despite the lengthy consideration that the author has obviously given his subject. . . this is no hagiography."  
(*Smithsonian Magazine*)

"The foremost chronicler of the American West adds new perspective to our understanding of the frontier experience with this coffee-table-format biography of George Custer."

*(The Sacramento Bee)*

"It's a keeper. . . . If you're into Custerology or if you're a history buff, there's one word to remember when asked what you want this gift-giving season: 'Custer.' Because it's truly impressive."

*(Pryor Daily Times (Oklahoma))*

"Entertaining and educational at the same time . . . McMurtry's book does what dozens of others on Custer have not. It cuts through the myths, including what was actually said at the battle on June 25, 1876."

*(The Chicago Sun Times)*

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