

# General Kirby Smith Annotated And Illustrated

General Kirby Smith Annotated And Illustrated is a comprehensive history of the Confederate general, covering his early life, military career, and post-war years. The book includes extensive annotations and illustrations, making it a valuable resource for scholars and enthusiasts alike.

## Early Life and Career

Edmund Kirby Smith was born in St. Augustine, Florida, on May 16, 1824. He was the son of Joseph Lee Smith, a prominent lawyer and politician, and Frances Kirby Smith. Smith graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1845, and served in the Mexican-American War. After the war, he taught mathematics at West Point and served as adjutant general of the Department of Texas.



## GENERAL KIRBY-SMITH, Annotated and Illustrated

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

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## Civil War

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Smith resigned his commission in the United States Army and joined the Confederate Army. He was appointed a brigadier general and commanded a brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee. Smith fought in the Seven Days Battles and the Battle of Antietam. In 1863, he was promoted to major general and commanded the Trans-Mississippi Department, which included the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Smith's command in the Trans-Mississippi Department was a difficult one. He was outnumbered and outgunned by the Union forces, and he had to deal with a number of Confederate generals who were jealous of his authority. Despite these challenges, Smith managed to keep the Union forces at bay for several years. He won a number of important victories, including the Battle of Mansfield and the Battle of Pleasant Hill. However, he was eventually defeated by the Union forces in the Battle of Nashville in 1864.

## **Post-War Years**

After the war, Smith went into exile in Mexico. He returned to the United States in 1875 and became a professor of mathematics at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He died in Sewanee on March 28, 1893.

## **Legacy**

Kirby Smith was a controversial figure during his lifetime, and he remains so today. Some historians believe that he was a brilliant general who was unfairly criticized by his contemporaries. Others believe that he was a reckless and overconfident commander who made a number of serious

mistakes. Regardless of one's opinion of Smith, there is no doubt that he was a significant figure in the Civil War.

## Annotations and Illustrations

The annotations in General Kirby Smith Annotated And Illustrated provide a wealth of information about Smith's life and career. The annotations are written by a team of historians, and they include information about the sources used to write the book, as well as additional information about the people and events that are mentioned in the text.

The illustrations in General Kirby Smith Annotated And Illustrated are also a valuable resource. The illustrations include maps, photographs, and drawings, and they help to bring Smith's story to life. The illustrations are carefully curated, and they provide a comprehensive overview of Smith's life and career.

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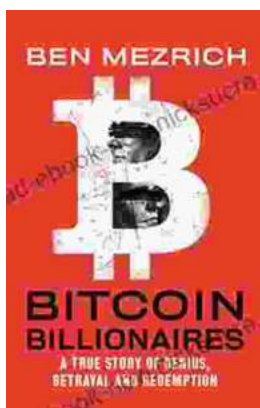
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