

Meet General Grant

W E Woodward

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insulting his intelligence. "There were extensive portions of his mentality which appear to have been dormant all his life." He states that Grant was a pacifist who lacked the initiative to abandon his military career. "My opinion is that his mind was that of a mechanic or engineer, rather than that of a soldier." Woodward has little regard for other Union brass. General Halleck, for example, was "a large emptiness surrounded by an education." This book does not rise far enough above nineteenth century racism, but it does otherwise give a good account of Grant's life and times.

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