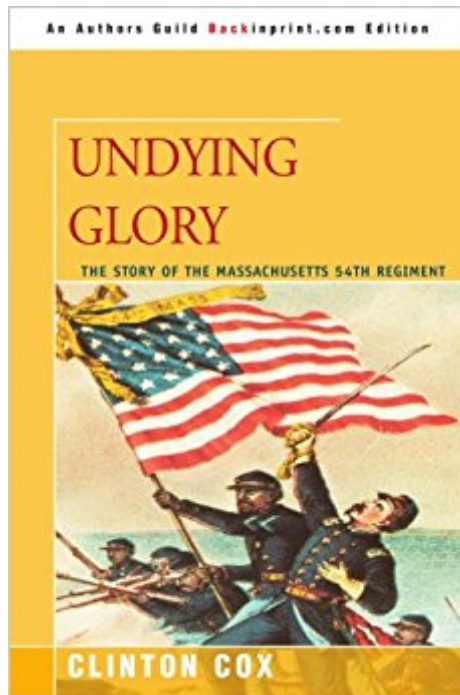




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# **Undying Glory: The Story Of The Massachusetts 54th Regiment**



## Synopsis

Undying Glory was chosen as a CBC/NCSS Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies. Kirkus Reviews gave it an outstanding starred review, saying it showed how black soldiers "proved their competence and dignity against incredible odds." Another reviewer declared that the battle scenes rivaled "any I have read in fiction or nonfiction." The success of the 54th Regiment at Fort Wagner and other battles cleared the way for the enlistment of 200,000 black men in the Civil War that ended slavery. The story of their courage, said one Union commander, "will be forever traced in undying glory."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 7-12-- As does the recent movie Glory , this book details the history of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, a black regiment that served with valor and distinction in the Civil War. The account begins with the formation of the unit in 1863 and follows it throughout the remainder of the war. Cox clearly documents the difficulties that black soldiers faced: pay unequal to that of whites, severe prejudice, and an unwillingness on the part of many in power to allow them to engage in actual battle. The narrative is replete with quotations from diaries, letters, newspapers, and the comments of people present at the events described. It is unquestionably a well-researched book: the bibliography consists of almost four full pages of citations from books and scholarly articles. The

problem is that there are almost too many facts. They tumble over one another, as though Cox could not bring himself to leave anything out. And indeed, much of the information is fascinating. Because of the density of material, however, this is not an easy book to read. Also, the narrative does not flow smoothly because of the numerous quotations and frequent digressions to supply necessary background. The book does provide a valuable and well-documented treatment of a topic that has been too long neglected. It deserves a place in any collection that needs material on American history or black studies. --Bruce Anne Shook, Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC  
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A moving account of the formation and valiant record of the first black regiment (a story also told in the film *Glory*), from the firing on Fort Sumter to an 1887 reunion. Cox, a prize-winning journalist, has woven an impressive amount of research into his straightforward narrative; battle details put readers on the scene with compelling immediacy, while they also learn how these men proved their competence and dignity against incredible odds--including not only their struggles with the Confederacy (which at first planned to treat black prisoners of war as mutinous slaves) but also the cruel effects of racism on their own side (e.g., the devastating hardship inflicted on soldiers' families by the government's failure to honor its promise to give them the same pay as whites). There are frequent, effective quotes from participants and from luminaries, including Charlotte Forten and Frederick Douglass, whose son was a member of the 54th. A distinguished presentation of the historical record. Bibliography of sources; b&w photos and index not seen. (Nonfiction. 12+) --  
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My 14 year old daughter hates to read but is required to read a book every month. I normally have to scold her for not reading her books. Not only did she read this book, she has been sharing the history that she has learned from this book for a month. I haven't read this book but her excitement over it made me want to write this review.

I have my 4th grade teachers using this as part of their curriculum. It really adds to our students' connection with the historical studies!

Well written. Not long winded, but gives the important information. I learned about things I never

knew about our government and how these troops were poorly treated, yet they gave their all for this country.

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