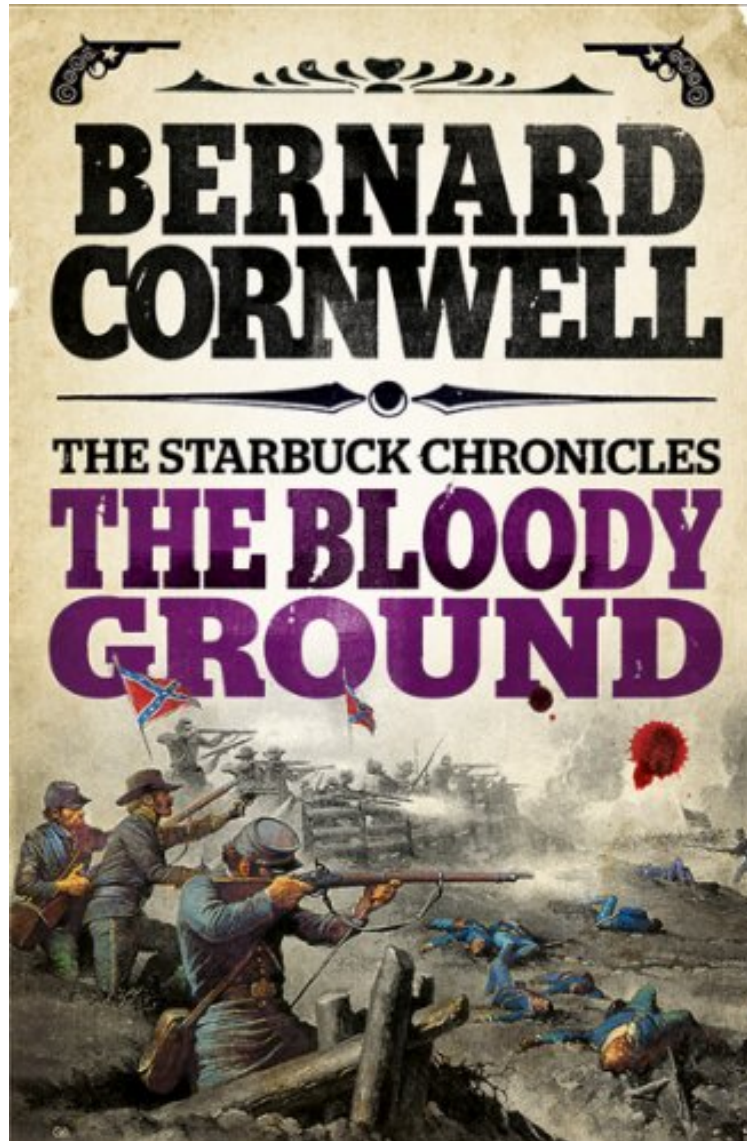


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**Von Bernard Cornwell : The Bloody Ground (The Starbuck Chronicles Book 4)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bloody Ground (The Starbuck Chronicles Book 4):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It lit a fire...Von t462472@telecom.co.nzI love Bernard Cornwell's books - having discovered him, as many have, through Sean bean's TV portrayals of Richard Sharpe, I devoured the Sharpe books and then moved onto Starbuck.I'm English,

and prior to picking up 'Rebel', I had little knowledge of, or interest in, the American Civil War (we add the 'American' because we had a Civil War of our own). My the end of 'The Bloody Ground' I'd become an obsessive. I've read a pile of factual books on the subject, and am getting Shelby Foote's huge history for my birthday, and I have to say, the story of this war is the greatest tale of the millenium. It has the grandeur of Greek myth, and yet it all happened. I have not read a single thing in any other books since that makes anything in Cornwell's books seem false. Experiencing Bull Run and Sharpsburg with Starbuck is real enough for you to smell the powder. I wish he'd write more. I know this series has had relatively poor reviews, by Cornwell's standards, but not series has ever captured mt imagination as powerfully. Perhaps those who bring extensive knowledge of the War to these books will be less impressed, but as an introduction to the most fascinating conflict since medieval times, this can't be beaten. I also will defend Cornwell's telling of this from the Southern perspective - few Southern soldiers gave a damn about slavery, yet their memory often gets damned because, at its core, their cause was unjust. yet the South, fighting for the wrong cause, brought nobility, courage, brilliant and panache to the field, while the North, fighting for the righteous cause, was incompetent, brutal and clumsy - rarely winning by any other means than crushing the Confederates under weight of numbers and superior resources. Its hard NOT to root for the South - even though you know you shouldn't, and Cornwell makes this paradox the core of the series.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Absolutely Fabulous Von Ein Kunde  
 A Civil War re-enactor myself, I began the Starbuck series with scepticism - believing that like most Civil War fiction - this would be more romanticized drivel. But... was I ever wrong. I've been to Sharpsburg, I've walked the Cornfield and west woods, and I am amazed by the accuracy and emotion conveyed by Starbuck and Company. The panic, the sheer bewilderment felt by those brave men on both sides is utterly captured by Mr. Cornwell. Though true "history's" are indespensible, the authors descriptions gave me a sense of being there that I've not experienced for some time. What a ride!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not the best Starbuck, but excellent battlefield descriptions Von D. Keating  
 I have read the whole series and this book is not the best one. I think that the first two books- Rebel and Copperhead are better than the last two- Battle Flag and The Bloody Ground. The battlefield scene descriptions are very good and alone make it worth reading. I just was not impressed with the character development, especially for the new ones introduced in this book. I do hope that Mr. Cornwell continues the series, I would hate to see it end at this point.

Kurzbeschreibung  
 A superbly exciting novel which vividly captures the horror of the battlefield, The Bloody Ground is the fourth volume in the Starbuck Chronicles. It is late summer 1862 and the Confederacy is invading the United States of America. Nate Starbuck, a northern preacher's son fighting for the rebel South, is given command of a punishment battalion a despised unit of shirkers and cowards. His enemies expect it to be his downfall, as Starbuck must lead this ramshackle unit into a battle that will prove to be the bloodiest of the Civil War. From Library Journal  
 Cornwell's fourth novel about Nathaniel Starbuck, a Northerner in the Confederate Army, carries this Civil War saga to Antietam, which ruined Robert E. Lee's attempt to carry the war to the North. A British writer, Cornwell brings a fresh spin to the war by peopling his story with Northerners serving the South, Southerners serving the North, spies, turncoats, and real historical figures?including Lee and Stonewall Jackson. His characters are many, and the historical arena is complex, but complications never confuse the listener. The genius of Cornwell's narratives about Starbuck and Richard Sharpe, his British rifleman (e.g., Sharpe's Regiment, Audio s, LJ 11/15/96), lies in his ability to place protagonists in such ever-deepening personal peril that readers cannot turn away. Indeed, the human drama of The Bloody Ground is so compelling that it overcomes the competent but often grating reading of British actor Hayward Morse, who gives Starbuck Jimmy Cagney's voice and makes senior Confederate officers sound like Al Capp's Jubilation T. Cornpone. Engaging listening for commuters; recommended for public libraries. ?R. Kent Rasmussen, Thousand Oaks, Cal. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen  
 Praise for THE BLOODY GROUND: `The best so far in Cornwell's American Civil War series . . . The cacophony of the cornfield slaughter is stunningly conveyed' Daily Mail `A very fine novel indeed; Bernard Cornwell at his distictive best . . . builds to a gripping climax . . . stirring stuff' Sunday Telegraph `Cornwell is as masterly as ever at conjuring up the grisly nature of nineteenth-century campaigning and the terrifying adrenaline surge experienced on a battlefield reeking of black powder and blood' The Times Praise for Bernard Cornwell: `The best battle scenes of any writer I've ever read, past or present. Cornwell really makes history come alive.' George R.R. Martin