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George Armstrong Custer is one of the most controversial figures in American history. In his associates he inspired either love or hate, but never indifference.

On a hot June Sunday in 1876, hordes of painted Indian warriors swarmed over a treeless Montana ridge rising from the Little Bighorn River Valley. Five companies of U.S. Cavalry, fought briefly and hopelessly against overwhelming odds. When the guns fell silent and the smoke and dust of battle lifted, every soldier lay dead.

This was "Custer's Last Stand" the most spectacular triumph of the American Indian in his four-century struggle against the relentlessly advancing European civilization that finally crushed him. It forms a chapter of American history that has inspired intense study and provoked intense controversy that has been chronicled endlessly in prose and verse and enacted time and again on motion picture and television screens. In total defeat and death, Custer and his men achieved an immortality that even the most dramatic victory could not have won them.

Dive into this gripping story of the man and the campaign. Fascinating eyewitness accounts of the battle, offering views from both sides, are a special treat that round out the narrative of the author.

Newly reformatted for the Kindle, this edition is packed with photographs, images and maps, setting the stage of the battle with visual impact, and bringing the characters to life. (As with the print edition, all images except the cover art are in black and white.)

Also included is the engaging artwork of Leonard Baskin. His images speak to us across time; his subjects seem to look out from the screen and deep into our own eyes.

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