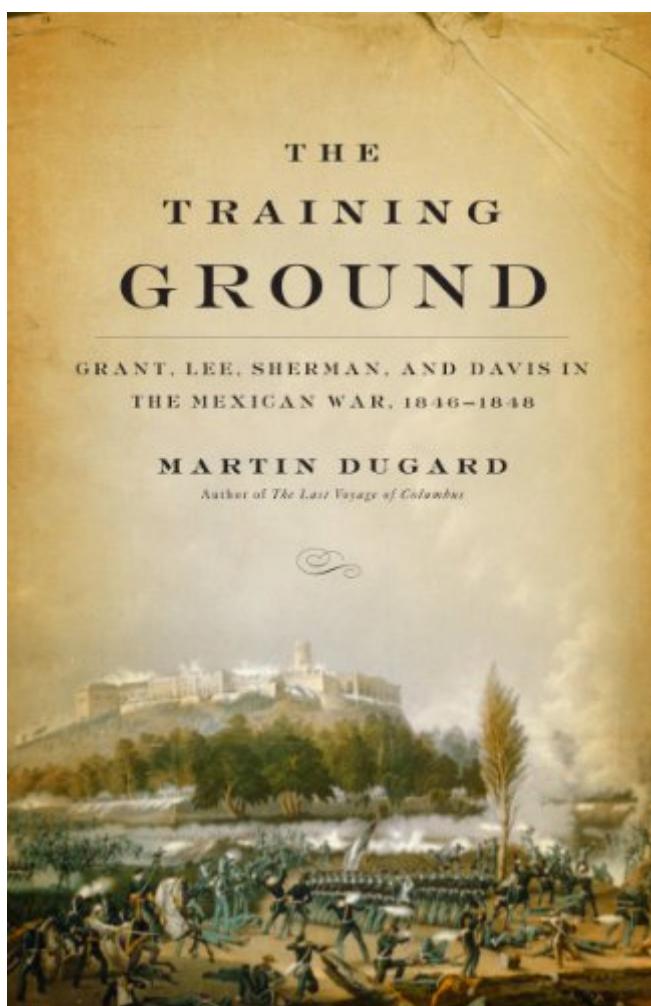


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# The Training Ground: Grant, Lee, Sherman, And Davis In The Mexican War, 1846-1848



## **Synopsis**

Few historical figures are as inextricably linked as Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. But less than two decades before they faced each other as enemies at Appomattox, they had been brothers--both West Point graduates, both wearing blue, and both fighting in the same cadre in the Mexican War. They were not alone: Sherman, Davis, Jackson--nearly all of the Civil War's greatest soldiers had been forged in the heat of Vera Cruz and Monterrey. The Mexican War has faded from our national memory, but it was a struggle of enormous significance: the first U.S. war waged on foreign soil; and it nearly doubled our nation. At this fascinating juncture of American history, a group of young men came together to fight as friends, only years later to fight as enemies. This is their story. Full of dramatic battles, daring rescues, secret missions, soaring triumphs and tragic losses, **THE TRAINING GROUND** is history at its finest.

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An amazing history about the boys who fought side-by-side during the US/Mexico war only to fight against each other a few years later during the American Civil war! Lots of rich information from Martin Dugard, the king of historical research! Fun reading and you'll learn something.

Excellent portrayal of the early careers of these prominent Civil War officers. Reads like a story...plenty of description of the hardships they experienced as young officers in the field, prior to the moment that they assumed their commands a generation later. A must read for anyone interested in American Civil War history.

Great history here and lots of action. There's politics as usual, but the main points were the actions of the great generals of the Civil War. It was a learning experience for both sides of the upcoming war.

Interesting read. I've always wondered if there was any interaction between Lee and Grant during the Mexican War as referenced that day at Appomattox. Surprisingly, their paths did not seem to cross during this war. Lee became a star and Grant was mostly in the background.

Great insight into the events shaping the military experiences of the most influential players in the Civil War.

Good on highlights of the Mexican War. Some errors but overall shows some of the reasons Americans were better prepared for this war than any other in history.

Great book to learn about the little known war with Mexico.

Excellent read.

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