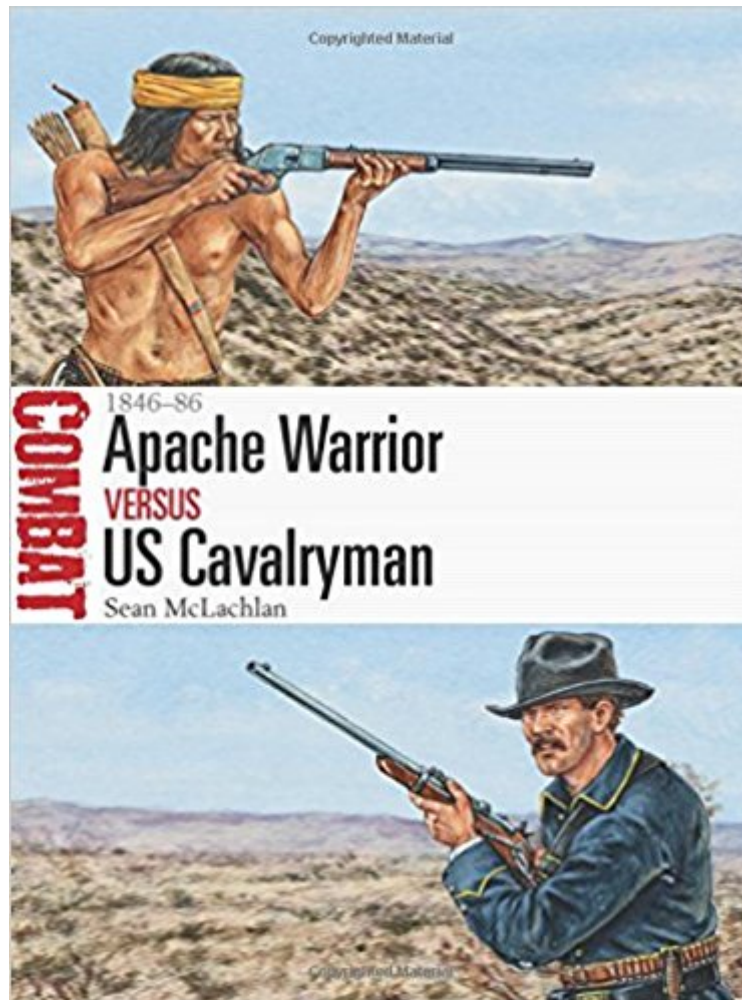




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Sean McLachlan, an archaeologist before becoming a full-time writer, has published several books on history and travel, with a special interest in the trans-Mississippi theater of the American Civil War. He splits his time between Missouri, England, and Spain. www.seanmclachlan.com Adam Hook specializes in detailed historical reconstructions. He has illustrated Osprey titles in the Fortress series, and on diverse subjects from the Aztecs and Roman battle tactics to the modern Chinese Army.

The battles of the Apache and the U.S. Cavalry are legendary, perpetuated in novels and movies, and perhaps that is the problem. Real life might be less dramatic and far more deadly. Author Sean McLachlan tries to bridge the gap with a systematic analysis. The result is "Apache Warrior versus U.S. Cavalryman", a new Osprey Combat Series book. A quick introduction takes the reader to the American Southwest, before and after the American Civil War. The author sketches the two sides, including the interesting fact that the Apaches were divided into different bands that often fought each other as well as Mexican and American settlers and the U.S. Army. The heart of the narrative is three separate combats that describe the tactics of the Apache and the U.S. Cavalry, and how they worked out on the ground. The analysis of the three fights is quite interesting, and shows how unequal the fighting could be, depending on the experience of the fighters. The author makes the point that a definitive account of these combats is most difficult, given the differing Cavalry and Indian versions. The text is supported by a nice selection of maps, battle diagrams, illustrations, and photographs. Strongly recommended as a good concise introduction to a complex topic.

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