

FROM JUNE 25 TO 27, 1876, the Battle of the Little Bighorn, commonly referred to as Custer's Last Stand, was fought between combined forces of the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes and the Seventh Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army. Along the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory, the battle resulted in the devastating defeat of U.S. forces and was the most significant action of the Great Sioux War of 1876.

This dramatic look at the Little Bighorn battle includes not only the Native American point of view—with two dynamic Native figures, Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse, on prominent display—but also the impact it had on the Plains Indians. It turned out to be their last stand too, because a vengeful nation quashed any remaining resistance with a conclusive massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890, which occurred almost simultaneously with the murder of Sitting Bull.

In addition, Custer's character by June 1876 is at the heart of this world-famous disaster. For all his celebrated bravery, especially at Gettysburg thirteen years earlier, Custer became a devout media hound, desperate to gain fame. Even, some say, his own demise was a misguided attempt at grabbing national headlines: He envisioned a massacre—just not his own. As both the camera and the tabloid came of age, George Armstrong Custer became America's first bona fide celebrity.

Vengeance is a thrilling read, filled with action and legendary characters, and is poignant for the impact this battle had on Native Americans and the shape of the American West.

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