Selected Bibliography
of the Battle of the Wilderness

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This is an ongoing project of the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield Board Enhancement Committee. Thousands of books about the War have sections on the Battle of the Wilderness, but this bibliography is being created to include those books that focus primarily on this battle or those that contain vital detailed information of importance to students of the battle. More and more, the older books are becoming available on the internet or for downloading to iPads, Kindles, etc., to broaden our resources. FoWB is working to obtain as many of these books as possible to donate to the Wilderness branch of the Orange County Public Library. We welcome suggested additions to this list.


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