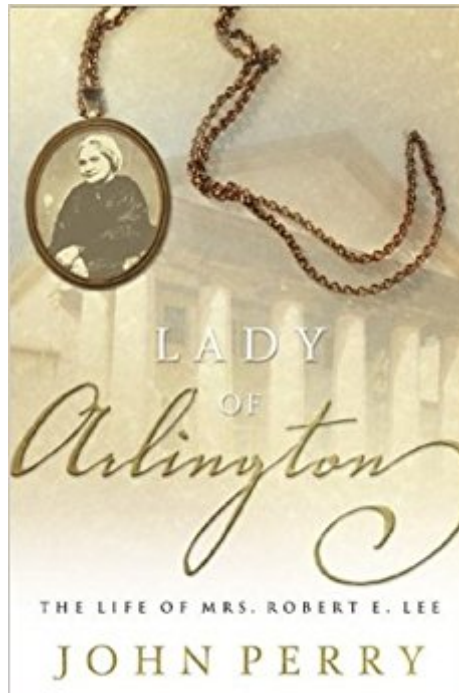




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The Lady Of Arlington: The Life Of Mrs. Robert E. Lee



Synopsis

Many people know something about her husband, Robert E. Lee; perhaps even more know her great-grandfather, George Washington; some have even visited her family estate. But few people today know much about Mary Custis Lee - wife, mother, daughter, and the Lady of Arlington, Virginia. Chronically ill and often in excruciating pain, Mary trusted God as she raised her seven children, faithfully witnessing to her husband for years before his conversion and, later, his confirmation in the Anglican Church. During the Civil War, she was instrumental in negotiating the release of her family from house arrest and her son from a prisoner-of-war camp. Later, she retained her dignity and faith throughout a fruitless, heartbreaking attempt to win compensation for the confiscation of her home and valuables. History is never more powerful than when it provides a role model for enduring hardship with sturdy and radiant faith. Mary Custis Lee is such an example.

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Customer Reviews

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Reading to my girls 6 and 11 years old. A wonderful education. Tough reading for them to

understand especially the younger one. Names and locations become more and more familiar. This morning we read about Savannah and Hurricane Matthew is blowing in there today. We have read twice outdoors for less distractions. I am reading to them one chapter on Saturday and a second on Sunday. We read about her wedding today and new baby son is named after George Washington. Mary's faith is also interesting as so much of her prayers to God she is speaking back scripture.

I lived in the Washington D.C. area and visited Arlington National Cemetery and the Custis-Lee home a number of times. It is a lovely home, and I was always sad to think that General Lee's wife had to leave her home. She never returned. I read this book as a teenager. It was one of the books that impressed on me the great sadness of the Civil War.

This is a well researched and written book detailing the life of Mary Custis Lee. With many books with this amount of history it can sometimes be difficult to follow along. That wasn't an issue with this book. An added bonus was the revelation of Mary's spiritual life and her trust in God. She was an example of a moral and honest life in the midst of loss and tragedy.

It was the best book that I have read in a long time. Although it was a biography as such, it was written like a story. So interesting. Now I'll get started on the REL Family Cookbook!!!!

I felt like I could smell the fragrances from Mrs. Lee's garden. I also can understand how people raised within a cultural southern part of the country had a not so optimistic future regarding the black race

I really enjoyed this book. I donated this to my United Daughters of the Confederacy Library.

I read this book in three days as it was very well written, but did not, in my opinion give a very favorable view of Mary Lee. It portrayed her as self-centered, and like her father, more obsessed with the Washington connection than with the Lee connection. It pictures him as madly in love with her, I just cannot figure out why? I think it is very telling that none of their daughters chose to marry. Already a huge fan of his, the book only reinforced my good opinion of him.

Loved this book. Very interesting and great details

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