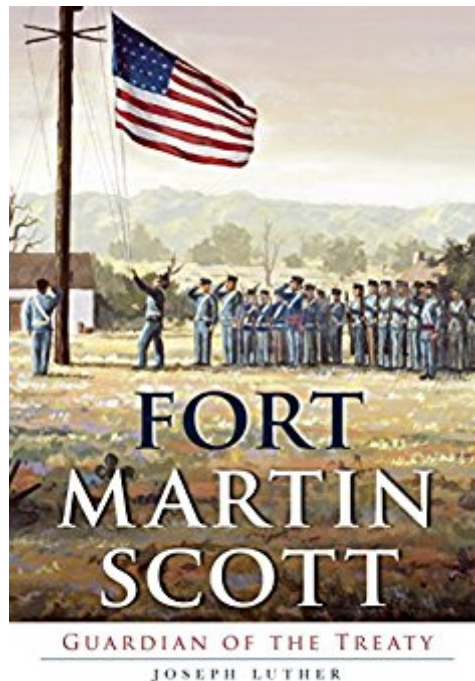




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Synopsis

Fort Martin Scott still stands guard in the heart of Texas 150 years after its construction, which was prompted by a peace treaty between Germans and the Penateka Comanches. The first frontier fort in Texas, the original complex of twenty-one buildings allowed soldiers to patrol the Upper Immigrant Trail through Comanche and Apache territory. The old fort was a hub for military patrols during the Texas Indian Wars. Famous army units, including the First and Eighth Infantries, as well as the Second Dragoons and Fourth Cavalry, were all stationed at this post at one time or another. Fort Martin Scott was the locality of much partisan conflict during the Civil War. Author and historian Joseph Luther tells the full story of this historic Texas icon.

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Customer Reviews

It was a fair book but not as in depth regarding the relations of Fredricksburgs settlers and the indianns or the participation of the fort in that relationship. Definitely was not a wast of time to read.

Like all Texas public school students, I studied Texas history in the seventh grade. And, like many

Texans before me and Texans now, that course instilled in me an allegiance to the Lone Star State and the Southwest in general and it would rile me if anyone dared to say anything less than flattering about my state. However, in the years subsequent to middle school I have been exposed to a tad more correct historical information. Joseph Luther's *Fort Martin Scott: Guardian of the Treaty* confirmed some of the school days information, substantiated that which I received at university and beyond and blew the socks off of me with amazing revelations concerning the part played by the leaders and soldiers at Fort Martin Scott, those soldiers near at hand and the people in and around the Hill Country during our nation's not so Civil War and their encounters with Native Americans. Some believe learning we humans are human is a bad idea as it may demoralize us. On the contrary, Luther has proven learning more, seeing life and people as they are, is an excellent opportunity to learn the values of thoughtfulness over pride and right over wrong. *Fort Martin Scott...* is a small tome, but a powerful read.

Sixteen plus years after moving to the Texas Hill Country, not far from the site of Fort Martin Scott, this short and concise volume reveals to me that I have so much yet to learn and understand about the state, its culture, and psyche of native Texans. Dr. Luther's laser focused books help me understand the context of historical events and figures. The inter-connected relationships of many of these people, highlighted in Dr. Luther's most recent effort, make Texas' already fascinating history a pretty darn compelling topic even for a native Iowan. This is what good teachers do, and Dr. Luther is surely that. Pam Haylock

Fort Martin Scott has been overlooked by many historians. Not to the same scale of neglect as Fort Terrett, but underemphasized for its importance on the Texas frontier. Fredericksburg, in general, played a more important role than many historians realize. Relationships between Indians and Anglos at Fredericksburg should be the topic of greater study, and is an example of underlying the Fort Martin Scott story. Hurrah for Joe! He truly has a wealth of local historical knowledge to share.

This history of Fort Martin Scott was so good I stayed up last night until I finished it! I really like the way the book gives sketches of the major players throughout the fort's history, and important people in the region, and how the book gives the precise location where events took place. I also liked the book's tie-in to the Pinta Trail. We like to think we're so different from the Ancients, but in reality we're really much more like them than we think. Good job!

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