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Civil war uniform? Ulysses S. Grant served as the eighteenth president of the United States; he was the second president to serve as a Republican. Grant did not strongly desire to hold the position as president, but the Republican Party sought someone who was moderate and popular enough to win the election. Grant also wanted to make sure peace was restored to the country after the bloody Civil War had ravaged the country for nearly half a decade. Grant believed that he could lead the Reconstruction with true statesmanship. In 1872, Grant succeeded in winning the presidency again, this time overcoming the New York newspaper editor, Horace Greeley, who famously advised, “Go west, Young Man!” Mosby HATED Greeley who had been an enemy of the South for years and as he felt obliged to Grant, he offered his help in Virginia. So helpful was the little lawyer, that Grant won Virginia against all odds. Immediately I was struck by the most unusual relationship that developed after the Civil War between Mosby and Grant: a Johnny Reb and Billy Yank, one-time enemies becoming friends on the battlefield of politics. Dave Goetz has taken the Grant-Mosby relationship and developed it into an insightful study of two amazing men -their family backgrounds, their joys and suffering, and the paths where they crossed-and he has put all this into a suspenseful, page-turning tale spanning the years before and after the War of Secession (along with key events of the war itself). John Singleton Mosby (December 6, 1833 – May 30, 1916), also known by his nickname, the “Gray Ghost”, was a Confederate army cavalry battalion commander in the American Civil War. His command, the 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, known as Mosby's Rangers or Mosby's Raiders, was a partisan ranger unit noted for its lightning-quick raids and its ability to elude Union Army pursuers and disappear, blending in with local farmers and townsmen. The area of northern central Virginia in which Mosby operated John Singleton Mosby was born in Edgemont, Virginia, on 6th December, 1833. Brought up near Charlottesville he entered the University of Virginia in 1849. At university he was charged with shooting another student and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. While in prison he studied law and after his release he became a lawyer in Bristol. On the outbreak of the American Civil War Mosby joined the Confederate Army. At first he served as a private in the 1st Virginia Cavalry and fought at Bull Run. Promoted to the rank of lieutenant in February, 1862, Mosby began scouting for James Jeb Stuart