

**HISTORICAL FICTION:
The Era of the War Between the States**

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Armstrong, Jennifer

The Dreams of Mairhe Mehan

In a rich tapestry of dreams, legend, and the pivotal events of the American Civil War, this haunting novel portrays a family of Irish immigrants fighting to find its identity in the New World while a nation struggles to be born anew out of the carnage of war.

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Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor & the Merrimac

Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.



Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

No Man's Land: a Young Soldier's Story

Because he had been unable to fight off the gator that injured his father, 14-year-old Thrasher joins the Confederate Army hoping to prove his manhood.

Beatty, Patricia

Charley Skedaddle

During the Civil War, a twelve-year-old Bowery Boy from New York City joins the Union Army as a drummer, deserts during a battle in Virginia, and encounters a hostile old mountain woman.

Beatty, Patricia

Jayhawker

Elija "Lije" Tulley eagerly joins the band of men recruited by abolitionist John Brown to be Jayhawkers, Kansans who cross into neighboring Missouri to steal away slaves and help them to freedom. The historical figures who populate the story are well portrayed as flesh-and-blood characters, not just names out of a history book. There is one glaring error in the text; Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 did not free all slaves in the United States, as the story says, but only those in states in rebellion against the Union.

Beatty, Patricia

Turn Homeward, Hannalee

Hannalee Reed, a 12 year-old millworker, is forced to relocate in Indiana during the Civil War.

Beatty, Patricia

Who Comes with Cannons

Civil War brings danger to Truth Hopkins and her Quaker family because they are pacifists.

Brenaman, Miriam

Evvyy's Civil War

In Virginia in 1860, on the verge of the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Evvy chafes at the restrictions that her society places on both women and slaves.



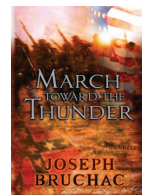
**Brooks, Geraldine
March**

In a story inspired by the father character in "Little Women" and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father, a man leaves behind his family to serve in the Civil War and finds his beliefs challenged by his experiences.

Bruchac, Joseph

March Toward the Thunder

Louis Nollette, a fifteen-year-old Abenaki Indian, joins the Irish Brigade in 1864 to fight for the Union in the Civil War. Based on the author's great-grandfather; includes author's note.



Climo, Shirley

A Month of Seven Days

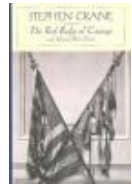
Driven from her home by a Yankee Captain, 12 year-old Zoe learns that not all bluecoats need be enemies.

Collier, James
With Every Drop of Blood

Johnny promises his dying father that he will not desert the family to fight for the rebel cause. But the lure of adventure and financial gain are strong. Careful attention is paid to the reasons for the war and the suffering of soldiers and civilians.

Crane, Stephen
Red Badge of Courage

During his service in the Civil War, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.



Denenberg, Barry
When Will This Cruel War Be Over?: the Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson
(Dear America Series)

A Confederate girl growing up in the South during the Civil War reveals the hardships of southern life as the war tore her family and the nation apart.

Donahue, John
An Island Far From Home

The twelve-year-old son of a Union army doctor killed during the fighting in Fredericksburg comes to understand the meaning of war and the fine line between friends and enemies when he begins corresponding with a young Confederate prisoner of war.

Draper, Sharon
Copper Sun

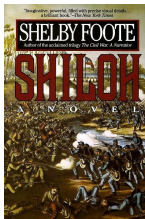
Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Elliott, L. M.
Anne Between the States

Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home.

Fleischman, Paul
Bull Run

This innovative and creative novel consists of a series of brief vignettes that can be read as a novel or performed as readers' theater. Newbery Award-winning author Paul Fleischman re-creates the first great battle of the Civil War from the points of view of 16 participants--Northern and Southern, male and female, black and white.



Foote, Shelby
Shiloh

This fictional re-creation of the battle of Shiloh in April 1862 fulfills the standard set by his monumental history, conveying both the bloody choreography of two armies and the movements of the combatants' hearts and minds.

Forman, James
Becca's Story

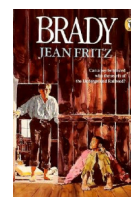
This book tells the story of courtship between Becca in Michigan and Alex in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Frazier, Charles
Cold Mountain

Inman, a wounded soldier, walks away from the ravages of the Civil War and back home to Ada, his prewar sweetheart.

Fritz, Jean
Brady

A young Pennsylvania boy takes part in the pre-Civil War anti-slavery activities.

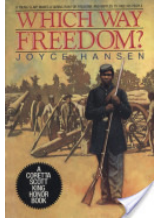


Gauch, Patricia
Thunder at Gettysburg

Thunder at Gettysburg recounts incidents during the Civil War including the Battle of Gettysburg through one person's experiences.

Hansen, Joyce
I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl
(Dear America Series)

Patsy, an orphaned slave with a bad leg and a quiet nature, is considered slow by the Davis family. But Patsy's smart -- smart enough to learn to read and write on the sly.



Hansen, Joyce
Which Way Freedom?

Based on actual events and revealing little known facts about the lives of runaway slaves, this novel follows the lives of Obi and his friend Easter.

Hesse, Karen
A Light in the Storm: the Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin
(Dear America Series)

In 1861, Amelia Martin's father is stripped of his post as a ship's captain when he is caught harboring the leader of a slave rebellion. Now he is an assistant lighthouse keeper on Fenwick Island, off the coast of Delaware -- a state wedged between the North and the South, just as Amelia is wedged between her warring parents.

Hill, Pamela
A Voice From the Border

Fifteen-year-old Margaret Reeves O'Neill isn't likely to forget the day war came home to Springfield, Missouri. Reeves watches neighbors turn against one another -- some supporting Secessionists, others the Union -- and she witnesses greed and looting, generosity and bravery.

Hite, Sid
The Journal of Rufus Rowe : Witness to the Battle of Fredericksburg
(My America Series)

Sixteen-year-old Rufus Rowe runs away from home, to escape his cruel stepfather. He finds work and shelter in Fredericksburg, Virginia, just as the Rebel troops begin to amass in preparation for a confrontation with the Union Army. Rufus befriends several Confederate officers, who do not believe the Confederate army can be

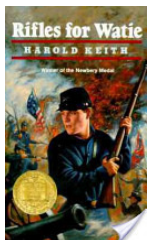
Hunt, Irene
Across Five Aprils

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.



Jones, Madison
Nashville 1864

Federal forces have occupied the city for two long years of war, depriving its inhabitants of everything but their pride and their diminishing hopes for victory. When Stephen Moore, age 12, and his slave companion, Dink, sneak through Union lines to find Stephen's father, an officer in General Hood's shattered Confederate Army, the boys become trapped behind enemy lines just as the battle begins.



Keith, Harold
Rifles for Watie

Jeff Bussey, a young farmer, joins the Union volunteers during the Civil War and becomes a scout and soldier with mission of finding out how Stand Watie and his Confederate Cherokee Rebels are receiving rifles from northern manufacturers.

Klein, Lisa

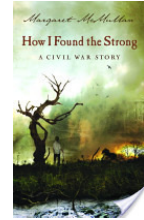
Two Girls of Gettysburg

When the Civil War breaks out, two cousins find themselves on opposite sides of the conflict, until they are reunited in the town of Gettysburg.

MacMullan, Margaret

How I Found the Strong

Frank Russell, known as Shanks, wishes he could have gone with his father and brother to fight for Mississippi and the Confederacy, but his experiences with the war and his changing relationship with the family slave, Buck, change his thinking.



Matas, Carol

The War Within

In 1862, after Union forces expel Hannah's family from Holly Springs, Mississippi, because they are Jews, Hannah reexamines her views regarding slavery and the war.

Mitchell, Margaret

Gone With the Wind

After the Civil War sweeps away the genteel life to which she has been accustomed, Scarlett O'Hara sets about to salvage her plantation home.

Monjo, F. M.

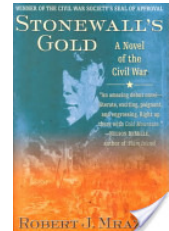
The Vicksburg Veteran

Twelve-year-old Fred Grant relates what he saw when he accompanied his father, General Grant, on the campaign to capture Vicksburg.

Mrazek, Robert

Stonewall's Gold

The discovery of a long-guarded secret sends young Jamie Lockhart on the adventure of his life. Ultimately, the limits of his courage and endurance are tested during the final desperate months of the Civil War.

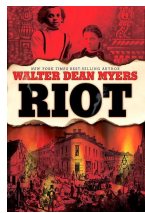


Murphy, Jim

The Journal of James Edmond Pease : A Civil War Union Soldier

(My Name Is America Series)

Newbery Honor author Jim Murphy portrays the brave and rigorous army life of a 16-year-old Union soldier who has been ordered by his commanding officer to keep a written record of "G" Company during the most brutal years of the Civil War.



Myers, Walter Dean

Riot

The Civil War is raging and in a desperate effort to find more recruits, the Union begins a draft - a draft with a difference. The wealthy can pay \$300 to be released from their obligation, but the poor must go and fight and die.

Osborne, Mary Pope

My Brother's Keeper: Virginia's Diary

(My America Series)

Virginia Dickens has promised to keep a journal for her older brother Jed. And Ginny finds plenty to write about: Pennsylvania Volunteers arrive in the town square reporting a big battle in Virginia and calling for more men to join their ranks. Rumors fly that the Rebs are headed to Gettysburg, and the Battle of Gettysburg ensues. Suddenly, Ginny's quiet town is filled with the injured.

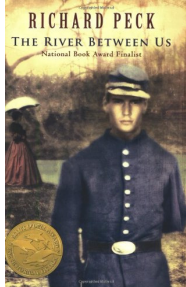
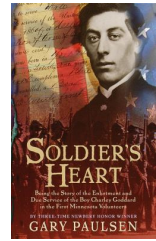
Paulsen, Gary

Sarny: A Life Remembered

Continues the adventures of Sarny, the slave girl Nightjohn taught to read, through the aftermath of the Civil War during which time she taught other Blacks and lived a full life until age ninety-four.

Paulsen, Gary

Soldier's Heart: Being the Story of the Enlistment and Due Service of the Boy Charley Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers Battle by battle, Gary Paulsen shows readers one boy's war through one boy's eyes and one boy's heart, and gives a voice to all the anonymous young men who fought in the Civil War.



Peck, Richard
The River Between Us

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.

Price, Charles F.
Hiwassee

This gritty, realistic novel about the Civil War takes place in Western North Carolina, where the home front was as embattled as the front lines.

Reeder, Carolyn
Across the Lines

Edward, the son of a white plantation owner, and his black house servant and friend Simon witness the siege of Petersburg during the Civil War.

Reeder, Carolyn
Before the Creeks Ran Red

The tense months between December, 1860 and July, 1861 are portrayed in three related stories about three 14-year-olds caught up in the beginnings of the Civil War.

Reeder, Carolyn
Shades of Gray

At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a "traitor" for not fighting in war.



Reit, Seymour
Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy

Combining U.S. Army records and files from the National Archives, this is the story of an incredible woman who joins the Yankee Army disguised as a man.

Rinaldi, Ann
Amelia's War

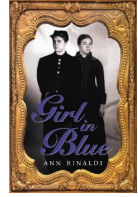
As the Civil War rages, Amelia's Maryland town is beset by divisions. Even she and her best friend Josh disagree. Amelia vows not to take sides, until the Confederate troops march into town...led by Josh's uncle.

Rinaldi, Ann
Come Juneteenth

Sis Goose is a beloved member of Luli's family, despite the fact that she was born a slave. But the family is harboring a terrible secret. And when Union soldiers arrive on their Texas plantation to announce that slaves have been declared free for nearly two years, Sis Goose is horrified to learn that the people she called family have lied to her for so long. She runs away--but her newly found freedom has tragic consequences.

Rinaldi, Ann
Girl in Blue

As an adolescent, Sarah Louisa Wheelock vowed never to let a man control her. With this unshakable conviction, she abandoned her life on a Michigan farm and disguised herself as a boy so she could fight in the Civil War.

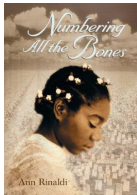


Rinaldi, Ann
In My Father's House

Through the lives of one family, Rinaldi reveals the fierce struggles that occurred not only in the battles, but also in the hearts and minds of the American people during the Civil War. Based on the real McLean family, on whose property the Civil War began and in whose parlor it ended.

Rinaldi, Ann
The Last Silk Dress

Fourteen-year-old Susan Chilmark wants to do something to support the Confederacy during the Civil War. She decides to collect silk dresses to create a huge hot-air balloon to spy on the enemy. But at the same time, Susan discovers unsettling family secrets, deals with the death of her father, and falls in love with a Yankee.



Rinaldi, Ann
Numbering All the Bones

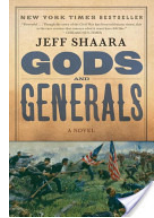
The Civil War is coming to an end, but for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, it is no time to rejoice. She wants to gain her freedom and join her older brother, who ran away to the Union Army. When she realizes her brother Neddy might be buried in nearby Andersonville Prison, she seeks Clara Barton's help to find her brother.

Robinet, Harriette Gillem
Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule

Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal, who is about twelve years old, joins other former slaves in a search for a farm and the freedom which it promises.

Shaara, Jeff
Gods and Generals

The great military leaders from the first gathering clouds of the Civil War are central in this tale. Here is Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, a hopelessly by-the-book military instructor and devout Christian who becomes the greatest commander of the Civil War; Winfield Scott Hancock, a captain of quartermasters who quickly establishes himself as one of the finest leaders of the Union army; Joshua Chamberlain, who gives up his promising academic career and goes on to become one of the most heroic soldiers in American history; and Robert E. Lee, never believing until too late that a civil war would ever truly come to pass.

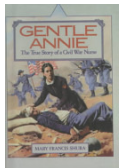


Shaara, Michael
The Killer Angels

July 1863. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia is invading the North. General Robert E. Lee has made this daring and massive move with seventy thousand men in a determined effort to draw out the Union Army of the Potomac and mortally wound it. His right hand is General James Longstreet, a brooding man who is loyal to Lee but stubbornly argues against his plan. Opposing them is an unknown factor: General George Meade, who has taken command of the Army only two days before what will be perhaps the crucial battle of the Civil War.

Shore, Laura
The Sacred Moon Tree

Disguised as a boy, 12 year-old Phoebe travels with her friend Jotham behind enemy lines in hopes of rescuing Jotham's brother from a Rebel prison.



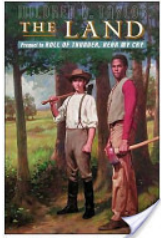
Shura, Mary Francis
Gentle Annie: The True Story of a Civil War Nurse

A fictional biography chronicles the career of Annie Etheridge, a nurse in the Union Army during the Civil War, who faced danger side by side with the troops and who became renowned for her courage and devotion to duty.

Singmaster, Elsie

Swords of Steel : The Story of a Gettysburg Boy

John Deane learns that his father is conducting a portion of the Underground Railroad. He joins the North to fight for the Union and meets Abraham Lincoln.



Taylor, Mildred D.

The Land

Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a White plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.

Walker, Margaret

Jubilee

Jubilee gives a close account of slave life, based on the story of the author's grandmother, who prevailed from pre-Civil War to Reconstruction and her freedom.

Wisler, G. Clifton

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer

A fictional account of the courageous exploits of Willie Johnston, an eleven-year-old Civil War drummer, who became the youngest recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Wisler, G. Clifton

Red Cap

A young Yankee drummer boy displays great courage when he's captured and sent to Andersonville Prison.

Wisler, G. Clifton

Thunder on the Tennessee

Willie Delamer dreams of honor and glory as he leaves home to fight the Yankees with his father. Outfitted in a dashing uniform, Willie marches proudly with the Second Texas regiment to take a stand beside the Tennessee River. Willie couldn't have imagined what war was really like, the horrors he would encounter in battle, and the tragedy that would strike his family.

Woodruff, Elvira

Dear Austin: Letters From the Underground Railroad

In 1853, in letters to his older brother, eleven-year-old Levi describes his adventures in the Pennsylvania countryside with his black friend Jupiter and his experiences with the Underground Railroad.