

American Historical Fiction – Civil War: 1860-1865



F BEA

Beatty, Patricia

Turn homeward, Hannalee [1999, 1984].

Twelve-year-old Hannalee Reed, forced to relocate in Indiana along with other Georgia millworkers during the Civil War, leaves her mother with a promise to return home as soon as the war ends.

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Charley Skedaddle [1988, 1987].

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.

F BUR

Burchard, Peter

North by Night [1962].

After being captured during the Civil War two Union soldiers find an opportunity to escape.

F CLA

Clapp, Patricia

The Tamarack Tree: A Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg [1986].

An eighteen-year-old English girl finds her loyalties divided and all her resources tested as she and her friends experience the terrible physical and emotional hardships of the forty-seven day siege of Vicksburg in the spring of 1863.

F CRA

Feinstein, Stephen and McConnell, James

The Red Badge of Courage [1991].

A young man's adolescent dream of war is shattered when he takes part in his first battle.

F CRI

Crisp, Marty

Private Captain: a Story of Gettysburg [2001].

In 1863 Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Ben and his dog Captain set off in search of Ben's brother, who is missing from the Union Army.

F DAV

Davis, Bette J.

Freedom Eagle [1972].

A biography of the bald eagle who served in several Civil War battles as mascot to the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteers, or "Eagle Regiment."

F DEN

Denenberg, Barry

When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson [1998].

The diary of a fictional 14-year-old girl living in Virginia, in which she describes the hardships endured by her family and friends during one year of the Civil War. (Dear America Series)

F GRA

Gray, Genevieve and Mars, W. T.

The Yellow Bone Ring [1971].

Fifteen-year-old Cato joins the first black regiment in the Union Army and learns the responsibility demanded by his new position as freedman.

F HAN

Hansen, Joyce

Which Way Freedom? [1992, 1986].

Obi escapes from slavery during the Civil War, joins a black Union regiment, and soon becomes involved in the bloody fighting at Fort Pillow, Tennessee.

F HES

Hesse, Karen.

A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin [1999].

In 1860 while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, fifteen-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state.

F HUN

Hunt, Irene

Across Five Aprils [1986, 1964].

The story of a young boy, his family, and his neighbors who live in a backwoods Illinois community during the period of the Civil War.

F KEI

Keith, Harold

Rifles for Watie [1987, 1957].

Sixteen-year-old Jeff can't wait to join the Union Army and fight against Stand Watie, leader of the Cherokee Indian rebels.

F MEA

Meador, Stephen W.

Phantom of the Blockade [1962].

Seventeen-year-old Anse O'Neal joins the crew of a Confederate blockade runner in an attempt to aid the South.

F MIE

Miers, Earl Schenck

We Were There With Lincoln in the White House [1963].

F MIT

Mitchell, Margaret.

Gone with the Wind [1993, 1936].

Epic of Civil War and Reconstruction.

F MUR

Murphy, Jim

The Journal of James Edmond Pease, a Civil War Union Soldier [1998].

James Edmond Pease, a 16-year-old orphan, keeps a journal of his experiences and those of "G" Company, which he joined as a volunteer in the Union Army during the Civil War. (My Name is America Series)

F PAU

Gary Paulson

Soldier's Heart: a Novel of the Civil War. [1998].

Eager to enlist, 15-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.

F PEC

Peck, Richard

The River Between Us [2003].

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.

F RIN

Rinaldi, Ann

Girl in Blue [2001].

To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia as well as a Union spy working in the house of Confederate sympathizer Rose O'Neal Greenhow in Washington, D.C.