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**Harcourt, Paul
Dobravolsky, Don
Fall 2001**

Harcourt, Paul and Dobravolsky, Don. *A Biography of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.* Writers Club Press, \$17.95 ISBN 595000835

Chronological quotes tell the story of the "M&C;" Railroad, the first line to connect the Mississippi River to the Atlantic. Both a blessing and a curse to civilians and soldiers in peace and war, the railroad was a micocosm of the larger changes in America in the latter half of the 19th century.

**Joslyn, Mauriel Phillips
Fall 2001**

Joslyn, Mauriel Phillips *A Meteor Shining Brightly: Essays on Major General Patrick R. Cleburne.* Mercer University Press, \$34.95 ISBN 865546932

Major General Patrick F. Cleburne of the Confederate Army was one of the most respected Irishmen to serve in the Civil War. This collection of essays, organized in chronological order, from such noted contributors as William Lee White and Althea D. Sayers, follows Cleburne's life from lowly Irish origins to distinguished service with the Army of Tennessee.

**Ryan, David D.
Fall 2001**

Ryan, David D. *A Yankee Spy in Richmond: The Civil War Diary of.* Stackpole Books, \$14.95 ISBN 811729990

David D. Ryan presents for the first time together, the letters and the diary of Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew. A native of Richmond, Van Lew's daring adventures show her sacrifices and struggles as she finds means to uphold her

personal political convictions.

Roland, Charles P.

Fall 2001

Roland, Charles P. *Albert Sidney Johnston: Soldier of Three Republics.* University Press of Kentucky, \$19.00 ISBN 813190002

Born in Kentucky, Albert Sidney Johnston would die 59 years later at Shiloh. This classic biography of Johnston, newly reprinted, follows his military career from West Point to the Mexican-American War to the early western battles of the Civil War. Although highly regarded, a series of battlefield reverses in 1862 began to tarnish his public reputation. "That Johnston was remiss in not taking personal command at Fort Donelson is true," Roland concludes. "Johnston thus lost the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. That any action by him could have saved them is doubtful; Union advantages probably were too great to be overcome by strategy."

Prokopowicz, Gerald J.

Fall 2001

Prokopowicz, Gerald J. *All for the Regiment: The Army of Ohio, 1861-1862.* University of North Carolina Press, \$34.95 hardcover ISBN 080782626x

Gerald J. Prokopowicz unveils the story of the triumphs and defeats of the Army of Ohio. More than a regimental history, he uses this regiment to support his own ideas about how building an army was one of the key factors in the success or failure of that army.

Wittenberg, Eric J.

Fall 2001

Wittenberg, Eric J. *At Custer's Side: The Civil War Writings of James Harvey Kidd.* The Kent State University Press, \$25.00 ISBN 873386876

Kidd's is one of the latest in a flurry of books recently published on one of America's most colorful cavalrymen, George Armstrong Custer. This collection of commemorative speeches and essays provides insight into the building of the legend of "Yellow Hair" himself.

Dailey, Jane Elizabeth
Fall 2001

Dailey, Jane Elizabeth *Before Jim Crow: The Politics of Race in Postemancipation Virginia*. The University of North Carolina Press, \$17.95 ISBN 807849014

Jane Elizabeth Dailey examines racial tension in Reconstruction-era Virginia. At the core of this study is the Readjuster party and the bridge it attempted to construct between races. Backlash white supremacist movements of this time period are examined as well. This study aids in developing a more complete picture of race relations and the struggle for equality in nineteenth century America.

Jones Ph.D., Wilmer L.
Fall 2001

Jones Ph.D., Wilmer L. *Behind Enemy Lines: Civil War Spies, Raiders, and Guerrillas*. Taylor Publishing Company, \$26.95 ISBN 878331913

Espionage has long played a major role in turning the tides of war. Featuring individuals such as Alan Pinkerton, John S. Mosby, and Champ Ferguson, Wilmer L. Jones examines the life of key information brokers and soldiers for both the North and the South.

Carney, Judith A.
Fall 2001

Carney, Judith A. *Black Rice: The African Origins of Rice Cultivation in the Americas*. Harvard University Press, ISBN 674004523

Slave ships carried cargoes of culture and crop: each would make a lasting impression on the American landscape. Geographer Judith A. Carney explores African technological, social, and agriculture contributions to the New World in this interdisciplinary study of the origins of rice in the Western hemisphere.

Crawford, Mark J.

Fall 2001

Crawford, Mark J. *Confederate Courage on Other Fields: Four Lesser Known Accounts of the War Between the States.* McFarland & Company, Inc., \$35.00 hardcover ISBN 786407204

No less honor is due the silent fallen -forgotten skirmishes and casualties emerge in full view in **Confederate Courage**. Crawford argues that all contributions to the war effort ultimately shaped history, and are therefore worthy of examination. Illustrations are included.

Simmons, Donald C. JR.

Fall 2001

Simmons, Donald C. JR. *Confederate Settlements in British Honduras.* McFarland and Company, \$27.50 hardcover ISBN 786410167

Hordes of unreconstructed Confederate refugees fled to Central and South America in the aftermath of Appomattox, establishing communities and sugar plantations in their newfound homes. The conflict of cultures between wealthy planters from Louisiana and Mississippi, and officials of the British colonial government in Belize, dampened the dreams of ex-Confederates to rebuild their nation on new soil. Appendices provide detailed lists of immigrants.

Wickett, Murray R.

Fall 2001

Wickett, Murray R. *Contested Territory : Whites, Native Americans and African Americans in Oklahoma, 1865-1907.* Louisiana State University Press, \$59.95 (\$26.95 softcover) ISBN 807125849

With Oklahoma as the central focus, Murray R. Wickett explores race relations in the years following the Civil War. From the "One Drop Rule" to the many attempts to assimilate Native Americans, the conflicting and complex story of Native Americans, African Americans, and white settlers is explored. Wickett's bibliography includes a wide range of sources including poetry.

Rentschler, Thomas B.

Fall 2001

Rentschler, Thomas B. *Cosmopolitan and Gwyn & Campbell Carbines in the Civil War: A Definitive Illustrated History of Two Rare and Unusual Civil War Cavalry Carbines and Their Use in the Field.* Andrew Mowbray Inc., \$23.00 ISBN 917218930

Rentschler traces the development of Cosmopolitan and Gwyn & Campbell cavalry carbines from inception, production, sales, and finally to use. Evolution of the firearms and the economic forces propelling their production are explored. Period advertisements illustrate the text.

Gragg, Rod

Fall 2001

Gragg, Rod *Covered With Glory: The 26th North Carolina Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg.* HarperCollins Publishers, \$15.00 ISBN 60934778

Rod Gragg's award-winning book is finally released in softcover form. Gragg brings the 26th North Carolina's deeds to life with a smooth narrative flow and excellent research that cause this work to read more like a novel than a regimental history.

Ayres, Thomas

Fall 2001

Ayres, Thomas *Dark and Bloody Ground: The Battle of Mansfield and the Forgotten Civil War in Louisiana*. Taylor Trade Publishing, \$24.95 ISBN 878331808

Told in a flowing and provocative narrative style, Ayres chronicles the Civil War in Louisiana. The book covers December 1860 through the end of the war, examining topics such as the South's unforeseen victory during the Red River campaign. Complete with bibliography, this text is a welcome addition to the body of works on Louisiana history.

**Cave, Robert Catlett
Swank , Walbrook D.
Fall 2001**

Cave, Robert Catlett and Swank , Walbrook D. *Defending the Southern Confederacy: Men in Gray*. Burd Street Press, \$15.95 ISBN 1572492619

This is a reprint of Robert Catlett Cave's 1911 defense of the South. Cave professes to be setting the historical record straight about the conditions leading up to the Civil War. In his staunch defense Cave looks at legislative practices, the legal system, and northern implication in slavery.

**Ecelbarger, Gary L.
Fall 2001**

Ecelbarger, Gary L. *Frederick W. Lander : The Great Natural American Soldier*. Louisiana State University Press, \$39.95 ISBN 807125806

Military leader and literary figure, Brigadier General Frederick W. Lander was a renaissance man. Detailing Lander's years as railroad surveyor and his service in the Civil War, Ecelbarger painstakingly reconstructs the life of this American trailblazer.

Thacker, Victor L.

Fall 2001

Thacker, Victor L. *French Harding: Civil War Memoirs*. McClain Printing Co., \$15.95 ISBN 870126423

Published for the first time, Harding's memoirs describe life serving under General Stonewall Jackson and how the Civil War impacted Virginia.

Barefoot, Daniel W.

Fall 2001

Barefoot, Daniel W. *General Robert F. Hoke: Lee's Modest Warrior*. John F. Blair, \$17.95 ISBN 895872374

This biography of the "North Carolina Lee" strives to set the record straight on this forgotten hero of the Confederacy. A beloved citizen-soldier, Hoke's actions in battle are meticulously recounted here in spite of a paucity of first-person resources. Hoke joins the cast of thousands whose long-hidden experiences and exploits have been dusted off and published for the modern reader.

Jordan, David M.

Fall 2001

Jordan, David M. *Happiness is Not My Companion: The Life of General G.K. Warren*. Indiana University Press, \$35.00 ISBN 253339049

In his biography of General G.K. Warren, a complex man described by his peers as both "the very best of our army" and "a very loathsome, disgusting puppy in power," David M. Jordan reveals an often overlooked but keenly intellectual figure.

Sharpe, Michael

Fall 2001

Sharpe, Michael *Historical Maps of Civil War Battlefields*. Thunder Bay Press, \$19.98 ISBN 1571451331

This lavishly illustrated work presents vintage maps of famous sites of conflict such as the Battle of Bull Run, as well as diagrams of significant fortifications like Fort Sumter. Michael Sharpe ties these works together with brief text about the maps, and some handy cartography of the day.

Frazier, Joey
Fall 2001

Frazier, Joey *Jefferson Davis: Confederate President*. Chelsea House Publishers, \$19.95 ISBN 79160063

This is the latest in the Famous Figures of the Civil War Series for children. Colorful illustrations and a smooth narrative provide young readers with an abbreviated version of the events in Jefferson Davis' life. While it does not delve into great detail, it does present a good overview of major events.

Bowden, Scott
Ward, Bill
Fall 2001

Bowden, Scott and Ward, Bill. *Last Chance For Victory: Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign*. Savas Publishing Company, \$34.95 hardcover ISBN 1882810651

Peeling back the layers of myth and years of conjecture, **Last Chance** offers an in-depth analysis of Lee and his officers' motives and actions during one of the most studied campaigns of the Civil War.

Adelman, Garry E.
Fall 2001

Adelman, Garry E. *Little Round Top: A Detailed Tour Guide*. Thomas Publications, \$7.95 ISBN 1577470621

Licensed battlefield tour guide Garry E. Adelman presents an easy-to-follow aid, complete with photographs and maps, for the exploration of Little Round Top. Adelman takes pains to present troop placement beside modern day photographs to help the tourist grasp the reality of battle.

Newton, Steven H.
Fall 2001

Newton, Steven H. *Lost for the Cause: The Confederate Army in 1864*. Savas Publishing Company, \$29.95 hardcover ISBN 188281049X

Was it lack of manpower that cost the Confederates the war? Steven H. Newton's study seeks to reveal this idea to be a misconception. His focus is narrow, encompassing only 1864; however, his careful research shows that the South had sufficient men for battle. Readers will find the many charts that punctuate this book very helpful, as Newton challenges them to rethink how the Cause was lost.

Blair, William
Pencak, William
Fall 2001

Blair, William and Pencak, William. *Making and Remaking Pennsylvania's Civil War*. Pennsylvania State University Press, \$35.00 ISBN 271020792

This edition takes steps to reassess Pennsylvania's place in the grand scheme of the Civil War. Contributors include Henry Pisciotta and Elizabeth Milroy. Essays address issues including the impact of the Civil War upon African Americans and the culture of patriotism.

Harlowe, Jerry

Fall 2001

Harlowe, Jerry *Monitors: The Men, Machines, and Mystique*. Thomas Publications, \$17.95 ISBN 1577470567

Cloaked in iron and mystery, "monitors" had a profound impact on the history of naval technology. The reader is introduced to the various classes of monitors in the Civil War navy, and the men behind their construction and navigation. The mystique of floating armor is developed through reference to bizarre events, such as John Wilkes Booth's autopsy aboard the U.S.S. *Montauk*.

Garrison, Webb

Fall 2001

Garrison, Webb *Mutiny in the Civil War*. White Mane Books, \$29.95 hardcover ISBN 1572492155

This exploration of the war within presents numerous anecdotes illustrating the danger of disobedience. Vintage Garrison, **Mutiny in the Civil War** examines resistance -- political and occasionally -- in meticulous detail.

Hearn, Chester G.

Fall 2001

Hearn, Chester G. *Naval Battles of the Civil War*. Thunder Bay Press, \$24.98 ISBN 157145246x

Using a mix of contemporary photos, period pictures, first hand accounts, and detailed maps, Chester G. Hearn seeks to bring the major naval conflicts of the Civil War to life. Hearn supplements battle strategies with complete technical information about the ships and their struggle at sea.

**Jouineau, Andrea
Mongin, Jean-Marie**

Fall 2001

Jouineau, Andrea and Mongin, Jean-Marie. *Officers and Soldiers of the American Civil War Volume 1: Infantry.* Histoire & Collections, \$19.95 ISBN 2913903002

The first in a series from a French publisher, this compilation of uniforms, flags, and soldiers features color illustrations of each uniform style the regiments wore during the Civil War. A brief chronology of the Civil War and a description of ranks help round out this issue.

Kennett, Lee
Fall 2001

Kennett, Lee *Sherman: A Soldier's Life.* HarperCollins, \$35.00 hardcover ISBN 60174951

General William Sherman, who made the concept of total war famous, is the subject of this "total biography" by military historian Lee Kennett. Sherman's military career before, during, and after the war is set forth in detail, supplemented with previously unexplored archival sources.

Hadden, Sally E.
Fall 2001

Hadden, Sally E. *Slave Patrols Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas.* The Harvard University Press, \$35.00 ISBN 674004701

The influence of the third party slave patrols is weighed in relation to the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, suggesting that their brutal means of racial control shaped the landscape of discrimination and hostility for years to come.

Jordan Jr., Weymouth T.
Chapla, John D.
Sutton, Shan
Fall 2001

Jordan Jr., Weymouth T., Chapla, John D., and Sutton, Shan. *Soldier of Misfortune: Alexander Welch Reynolds of the United States, Confederate, and Egyptian Armies.* The Greenbrier Historical Society, \$6.95 ISBN 961750510

This work traces the military career of Alexander Welch Reynolds from a mediocre performance at West Point, a checkered career in New Mexico, and duty in the Confederate Army, to his service in the Egyptian forces. The highs and lows of this colorful Confederate character make for a unique biography.

Langellier, J. Phillip
Fall 2001

Langellier, J. Phillip *Terrible Swift Sword : Union Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry, 1861-1865.* Stackpole Books, \$14.95 ISBN 1853674052

J. Phillip Langellier presents a unique image of the boys in blue in his latest from the G.I. series. From a mix of vintage and modern photographs, Langellier shows that the Union Army was a patchwork quilt of color and ranks.

Eckhardt, C. F.
Williams, Wesley G.
Fall 2001

Eckhardt, C. F. and Williams, Wesley G.. *Texas Smoke Muzzle-Loaders on the Frontier.* The Texas Tech University Press, \$15.95 ISBN 896724395

The United States has been called the gunfighter nation. Eckhardt examines the history of arms in America from the Spanish arquebus to Sam Colt, providing insight into the push behind technological advances.

Trefousse, Hans L.
Fall 2001

Trefousse, Hans L. *Thaddeus Stevens Nineteenth-Century Egalitarian.* Stackpole Books, \$16.95 ISBN 811729451

Hero or destructive force? This controversial icon is presented in a balanced biography that follows Stevens from his early career as a lawyer to his role in the push for the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

**Edrington, Thomas S.
Taylor, John
Fall 2001**

Edrington, Thomas S. and Taylor, John. *The Battle of Glorietta Pass: A Gettysburg in the West, March 26-28, 1862.* The University of New Mexico Press, \$19.95 ISBN 826322875

Difficult terrain and lack of supplies sounded the death knell for the Confederacy's bid to take New Mexico. Maps, period photographs, and casualty lists supplement the narrative.

**Ericson, David F.
Fall 2001**

Ericson, David F. *The Debate Over Slavery: Antislavery and Proslavery Liberalism in Antebellum America.* New York University Press, \$19.00 ISBN 081472213x

Did abolition and pro-slavery arguments blossom from the same vine? David F. Ericson argues that the two opposing sides drew upon the same foundation -- progressive liberalism -- to establish their rhetoric. Though they reached very different conclusions, each side saw itself as the protector of "the nation's special mission in history."

**Winch, Julie
Fall 2001**

Winch, Julie *The Elite of Our People: Joseph Wilson's Sketches of Black Upper-Class Life in Antebellum Philadelphia.* Pennsylvania State University Press, \$60.00 (\$16.95 softcover) ISBN : 0271020202 (0271020210)

A reprint of Joseph Wilson's original 1841 text, this new edition comes with a copious introduction by Winch. Numerous textual notes, a comprehensive bibliography, and an index complete a reader-friendly work that is easy to access and navigate.

**Garrison, Webb
Garison, Cheryl
Fall 2001**

Garrison, Webb and Garison, Cheryl. *The Encyclopedia of Civil War Usage.* Cumberland House, \$27.95 hardcover ISBN 1581821867

From "Abolition" to "Zouave" this handy volume defines hundreds of Civil War-era words and phrases in clear, concise entries. Students of the war will find the encyclopedia helpful for clarifying both official military terms and slang, such as "hayfoot" and "Original Gorilla."

**Dedmond, Glenn
Fall 2001**

Dedmond, Glenn *The Flags of Civil War Alabama.* Pelican, \$19.95 ISBN 156554840x

This work features color illustrations of the numerous flags carried by Alabama regiments during the war. One of a series of works focused on state flags, this reference includes the history of the various banners that inspired dreams of a Confederate nation.

**MacNamara, Daniel George
Fall 2001**

MacNamara, Daniel George *The History of the Ninth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, June 1861-1864*. Fordham University Press, \$29.00 (\$19.95 softcover) ISBN 823220559

Featuring an introduction by Christian G. Samito, this book chronicles the history of Massachusetts' first ethnically Irish regiment. Thomas Cass tells the story of how national and ethnic identity converged in the midst of war through the lens of battles and St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Moe, Richard
Fall 2001

Moe, Richard *The Last Full Measure: The Life and Death of the First Minnesota Volunteers*. Minnesota Historical Society Press, \$17.95 ISBN 873514068

Deemed a groundbreaking work in the genre of regimental history, Richard Moe's 1993 classic is back in softcover. Moe (president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation) digs deep, unearthing the thoughts, fears, and experiences of the common soldier on campaign from Fort Snelling to Gettysburg.

Fireside, Bryna J.
Fall 2001

Fireside, Bryna J. *The Mary Surratt "Lincoln Assassination" Trial: A Headline Court Case*. Enslow Publishers, \$20.95 ISBN 766014819

Writing in an innovative newspaper format, Bryna J. Fireside turns her critical eye on Mary Surratt. She reviews events leading up to and following Surratt's trial and provides a provocative look into the reasoning behind legal decisions. For young adults.

Boyer, Paul S.
Dubofsky, Melvyn
Monkkonen, Eric H. and Oshinsky, David M.
Fall 2001

Boyer, Paul S., Dubofsky, Melvyn, and Monkkonen, Eric H. and Oshinsky, David M. *The Oxford Companion to United States History*. Oxford University Press, \$60.00 ISBN 195082095

American history enthusiasts of all predilections will find this compendium of names, places, and terms a helpful addition to their library. Entries are individually authored, and feature cross-reference sections and references to other texts.

**Raper, Horace
Mitchell, Thornton W.
Fall 2001**

Raper, Horace and Mitchell, Thornton W. *The Papers of William Woods Holden Volume I, 1841-1868*. The Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, \$40.00 ISBN 865262926

The words of this southern unionist present an intriguing look at the problems of North Carolina on social, political and economic levels during the years leading up to and throughout the Civil War.

**Burke, Henry
Croy, Dick
Fall 2001**

Burke, Henry and Croy, Dick. *The River Jordan: A True Story of the Underground Railroad*. Watershed Books, \$14.95 ISBN 964525224

A slave's bold quest for freedom, for herself and her family, is the subject of this new historical novel. Authors Burke and Croy give fictional flesh to real stories from historical newspaper accounts to tell this "true" tale of escape.

**Switala, William J.
Fall 2001**

Switala, William J. *Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania.* The Stackpole Books, \$19.95 ISBN 811716295

Punctuated with pictures of safe-houses, maps of routes, names of railroad participants, and stories of escapes, this book serves as both a history tool and interesting modern-day tour guide.

**Carroon, Robert G.
Shoaf, Dana B.
Wright , Steven James
Fall 2001**

Carroon, Robert G., Shoaf, Dana B., and Wright , Steven James. *Union Blue: The History of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.* The White Mane Books, \$30.00 ISBN 1572491906

One of few contemporary studies of this organization of former Union officers, Union Blue details both the formation of and controversies surrounding this veterans' group.

**Hoose, Phillip
Fall 2001**

Hoose, Phillip *We Were There, Too! : Young People in U.S. History.* Farrar Strauss & Giroux, \$26.00 ISBN 374382522

Covering the years from 1492 to the 1990s, Hoose has created a fascinating multicultural study that identifies bravery and endurance as the common factors of a young humanity. Vintage pictures and clever illustration complete a book that can be enjoyed by adults as well as children.