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Hesse, Karen

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Hesse, Karen *A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin, Fenwick Island, Delaware, 1861.* Scholastic, \$10.95, hardcover ISBN 590567330

Amelia records the discord of her parents as it mirrors the growing rift between North and South. Her father is an abolitionist and her mother is a Southern sympathizer; major issues of the war are played out in Amelia's kitchen. This is one of the latest additions to the Dear America series.

Graf, Mercedes

Summer 2002

Graf, Mercedes *A Woman of Honor: Dr. Mary E. Walker and the Civil War.* Thomas Publications, \$9.95, softcover ISBN 1577470710

Mercedes Graf presents Dr. Mary E. Walker's life with the Union Army as a surgeon, her imprisonment, and her subsequent efforts to comfort families on both sides. Dr. Walker's story is especially unique in that she received the Medal of Honor.

Reep, Thomas P.

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Ridgway, Jim
Summer 2002

Ridgway, Jim *Apprentice Killers: The War of Lincoln and Davis.* AmErica House, \$29.95, softcover ISBN 159129066x

This nonfiction narrative account of the Civil War draws from multiple perspectives. The reader sees the Civil War unfold from the points-of-view of leaders like Lincoln and Davis, in addition to General George B. McClellan, Joseph E. Johnston, Ulysses S. Grant, and Robert E. Lee. Jim Ridgway attempts to present the internal dynamics of these individuals as they pursued their causes.

Keckley, Elizabeth
Foster, Francis Smith, ed.
Summer 2002

Keckley, Elizabeth and Foster, Francis Smith, ed.. *Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave, and Four Years in the White House.* University of Illinois Press, \$19.95 ISBN 252070208

Elizabeth Keckley provides a contrast between her life as a slave and her life as a freed dressmaker. From her early years to her later friendship with Mary Todd Lincoln, Keckley's life is the pattern of a self-made woman as she buys her

own freedom and becomes a friend to one of the most influential couples in history.

**Gilhuly, Michael J.
Gilhuly, Marilyn
Summer 2002**

Gilhuly, Michael J. and Gilhuly, Marilyn. *Call to Glory: The Life and Times of a Texas Ranger.* 1st Books, \$35.95 hardcover ISBN 759630410

Brothers Leroy and Carter find themselves fighting for life and law in Texas as the struggle to uphold their duty as Texas Rangers pits them against Comanche, Confederates, and Unionists. Leroy and Carter track outlaws and face the harsh realities of death, showing that Civil War conflict did not end in 1865.

**Performed by Colonial Radio Theatre
Summer 2002**

Performed by Colonial Radio Theatre *Civil War Stories.* Penton Overseas, \$39.95 audio cassettes ISBN 1560159235

The Colonial Radio Theatre offers a dramatic audio history of the Civil War and such momentous events as the battle of Shiloh, moments from General John B. Hood's memoirs, and readings from Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage*.

**Winders, Richard Bruce
Summer 2002**

Winders, Richard Bruce *Crisis in the Southwest: The United States, Mexico, and the Struggle over Texas.* Scholarly Resources, \$60.00 hardcover ISBN 842028005

Stretching from 1819-1861, historian and Alamo curator Richard Bruce Winders strives to present the conflicts leading up to the Mexican War as

primary currents that fed the growing tensions of the American Civil War as well. Key tensions include the power of central government in comparison to state and individual rights, as well as the matter of secession. This is the sixth book in the *American Crisis* series.

Brenaman, Miriam
Summer 2002

Brenaman, Miriam *Evy's Civil War*. Reasoner, James, \$16.99 hardcover ISBN 399237135

Evy battles notions of proper female decorum as her nation battles itself. Struggling to make sense of both the world of adults, and the world of conflict, Evvy must face issues of education, slavery, and decisions for her future.

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis
Summer 2002

Wyeth, Sharon Dennis *Freedom's Wings: Corey's Diary, Kentucky to Ohio, 1857*. Scholastic, \$8.95 hardcover ISBN 439141001

Part of the *Dear America* series for children, **Freedom's Wings** follows Corey Birdsong as he records his life as a slave in Kentucky and his fight to freedom on the Underground Railroad. This work provides an introduction into a dark time of American history.

Snell, Mark A.
Summer 2002

Snell, Mark A. *From First to Last: The Life of Major General William B. Franklin*. Fordham University Press, \$45.00 hardcover ISBN 823221482

Named as a primary factor in the Union defeat at Fredericksburg, General William B. Franklin's image and career remained tarnished by the event. Utilizing new personal papers and reexamining the reports of the time, Mark A.

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Smith, Jean Edward
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Smith, Jean Edward *Grant.* Simon & Schuster, \$20.00 ISBN 684849275

Author Jean Edward Smith works to redeem Grant's image by reconciling the successful military leader with the picture of a failed president of a corrupt administration. The result is a creation that draws out the benefits of Grant's presidency, most particularly his endeavor to find stable ground for a country still reeling from upheaval and war. This book also provides photographs of key historical figures, chapter notes, and a bibliography. For more details, please see James D. Hardy Jr.'s review in our Summer 2001 issue.

Spitler, Bing G.
Summer 2002

Spitler, Bing G. *Hero of the Republic: The Biography of Triple Medal of Honor Winner James Madison Cutts, Jr..* White Mane, \$29.95 hardcover ISBN 1572492228

James Madison Cutts Jr., related to both first lady Dolly Madison and Confederate spy Rose O' Neal Greenhow, records his service in the Army of the Potomac. Cutts witnessed the battles of Spotsylvania and Petersburg, and after having a court-marital reversed by President Lincoln, went on to be awarded three Medals of Honor.

Glass, Caleb D.
Summer 2002

Glass, Caleb D. *Horse Soldiers: A Novel of the Civil War.* Eynon Publications, \$25.95 hardcover ISBN 970291809

This novel follows a young Robert Thomas from training to battle as he breaks his ties to the Union and fights for his home state of North Carolina. Through experiences with the North Carolina Mounted Rifles, the reader sees the carnage and conflict of the Civil War.

Johnson, Clint
Summer 2002

Johnson, Clint *In The Footsteps of Stonewall Jackson.* John F. Blair Publishing, \$12.95, hardcover ISBN 895872447

Clint Johnson carefully traces Jackson's life from his humble beginnings to his death. Facts and locations are dutifully recorded, along with directions; readers can trace the path from Jackson's home to the sites of some of the most significant battles of the Civil War.

Eckerman, Nancy Pippen
Summer 2002

Eckerman, Nancy Pippen *Indiana in the Civil War: Doctors, Hospitals, and Medical Care.* Arcadia Publishing, \$19.99 ISBN 738519197

Using a mix of photographs and period accounts, Nancy Phippen Eckerman reconstructs Indiana's effort to care for the wounded of the Civil War. Issues such as poor hygiene, lack of trained caregivers, and gender roles are explored. This is part of the *Civil War History* series.

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Masterson, Kent, ed.
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Summer 2002

Masterson, Kent, ed., Kirwan, A.D., ed., and Kirwan, Brown, ed.. *Johnny Green of the Orphan Brigade: The Journal of a Confederate Soldier*. University Press of Kentucky, \$22.00 hardcover ISBN 081312221X

Kentucky's Confederate Orphan Brigade was particularly idolized in its time. This journal gives the common soldier's perspective from such notable conflicts as Shiloh and Chickamauga. A.D. Kirwan provides explanatory notes.

McIntire, Dennis P.
Summer 2002

McIntire, Dennis P. *Lee at Chattanooga: A Novel Of What Might Have Been*. Cumberland House, \$16.95, softcover ISBN 158182257x

What if it General Robert E. Lee had been involved with the Cumberland Campaign? Dennis P. McIntire examines this question on strategic levels concerning an earlier confrontation with General Ulysses S. Grant, and what political favor or influence success in the Cumberland might have granted Lee.

White, Jr., Ronald C.
Summer 2002

White, Jr., Ronald C. *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural*. Simon & Schuster, \$24.00 hardcover ISBN 743212983

While the Gettysburg Address is largely considered Lincoln's crowning speech, this study reveals that his second inaugural address has profound elements overlooked in current scholarship. Ronald C. White Jr. meticulously examines this second address to find forerunners of Lincoln's messages in letters and other personal correspondence.

Landis, Jill Marie
Summer 2002

Landis, Jill Marie *Magnolia Creek*. Ballantine, \$19.95, hardcover ISBN 345440412

Jill Marie Landis tells the story of newlyweds Sara and Dru as they are torn apart by the Civil War and false reports of Dru's death. Facing widowhood, Sara must now create a new life for herself in a time filled with chaos.

Evans, Thomas J.
Jones, Virgil Carrington
Moyer, James M.
Summer 2002

Evans, Thomas J., Jones, Virgil Carrington, and Moyer, James M. *Mosby's Confederacy: A Guide to the Roads and Sites of Colonel John Singleton Mosby*. White Mane, \$14.95 ISBN 1572492783

This work provides readers with pictures and stories to aid them in following the paths taken by John Singleton Mosby. Separated into four easy-to-follow tours, the book gives location information and historical sketches of events and people of the era. Also provided is a bibliography and interviews with local residents.

Heald, Bruce D.
Summer 2002

Heald, Bruce D. *New Hampshire in the Civil War*. Arcadia Publishing, \$19.99
ISBN 738509191

New Hampshire in the Civil War is the latest in the *Civil War History* series. Beginning with the first to call to arms, Heald provides information on major encounters as well as vignettes from soldier's everyday lives. This book also has photos and illustrations of troops, individuals, battles, and camp life.

Ransom, Roger L.
Sutch, Richard
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Ransom, Roger L. and Sutch, Richard. *One Kind of Freedom: The Economic Consequences of Emancipation*. Cambridge University Press, \$65.00 hardcover
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Reimer, Terry
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Reimer, Terry *One Vast Hospital: The Civil War Hospital Sites in Frederick, Maryland after Antietam.* National Museum of Civil War Medicine, \$45.00 hardcover ISBN 971223300

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Caravantes, Peggy
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Caravantes, Peggy *Petticoat Spies: Six Women Spies of the Civil War*. Morgan Reynolds, \$20.95 hardcover ISBN 1883846889

The stories of such notable Civil War heroines as Elizabeth Van Lew and Rose O'Neal Greenhow highlight this text. From espionage to direct military service, the common virtues uniting these women were their courage and devotion to the respective causes.

Westfall, Douglas
Summer 2002

Westfall, Douglas *Prisoners of the Civil War: The Story of Two Americans*. Paragon Agency, \$24.95, hardcover ISBN 1891030213

The second in the First Person Accounts of American History series, this work presents the lives of southern and northern prisoners of war. The stories of William T. Glassell of the Confederate navy and William H. H. Clayton of the Union army are put side by side so the reader can see the difference in prison funding and allowances made to prisoners. The text also features several period photographs, illustrations, timelines, and fact panels.

Blight, David W.
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Blight, David W. *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory*. Belknap Press, \$16.95 ISBN 674008197

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Leiker, James N.
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Leiker, James N. *Racial Borders: Black Soldiers Along the Rio Grande.* Texas A&M; University Press, \$34.95 hardcover ISBN 1585441589

The tension of race relationships has deep roots in American history. This piece looks at racial conflict in the American West from the antebellum period to the turn of the 20th century. Buffalo soldiers went west in hopes of a stable lifestyle and paycheck only to find complex conflicts with Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Anglos that would mold the growing tensions between ethnic heritage and national identity.

Evans, David, ed.
Summer 2002

Evans, David, ed. *Random Acts of Kindness: The Stories of America's Civil War.* Broadfoot Publishing, \$24.95 hardcover ISBN 1568373929

War can bring out the worst in people, but can also induce great displays of compassion. David Evans presents true tales of mercy and kindness during the Civil War, including the story of General Jackson helping a poor foot soldier cross a river, and soldiers adopting war orphans.

Davis, William C.
Summer 2002

Davis, William C. *Robert Barnwell Rhett: The Turbulent Life and Times of a Fire-Eater.* University of South Carolina Press, \$59.95, hardcover ISBN 1570034397

William C. Davis paints a portrait of Robert Barnwell Rhett, one of the most extreme secessionist advocates of South Carolina. Rhett's early roots as a "disunionist" in the 1840s provide a strong counter-balance with his later, bitter position as an "anti-Davis" advocate.

Thomas, Dean S.
Summer 2002

Thomas, Dean S. *Round Ball to Rimfire: A History of Civil War Small Arms Ammunition, Part One.* Thomas Publications, \$40.00 hardcover ISBN 157747015X

This is a look at the evolution of small arms munitions beginning in the 1850s and going through the Civil War. Dean S. Thomas provides details on the events that led to the preference of elongated expanding balls by the American military, and information on federal munitions production and regulations. Thomas offers several charts, photos, and illustrations.

Thomsen, Brian M., ed.
Summer 2002

Thomsen, Brian M., ed. *Shadows of Blue and Gray: The Civil War Writings of Ambrose Bierce.* Tom Doherty, LLC, \$24.95 hardcover ISBN 765302446

Fiction and firsthand account meet in the writings of Ambrose Bierce. Bierce's time in the Union army and his experiences at Chickamauga and Shiloh imbue his with stark realism. Presented in this collection is a wide range of Bierce's work covering tall tales to more dramatic fare, featuring such favorites as "Parker Adderson, Philosopher" and "One Officer, One Man."

Reasoner, James
Summer 2002

Reasoner, James *Shiloh*. Cumberland House, \$16.95 ISBN 1581822480

The second book in James Reasoner's *Civil War Battle* series is now available in softcover. The Brannon epic continues with the account of Cory and his journey west. He begins as a member of a Confederate steamboat crew trying to avoid conflict with the Union and goes on to become a prisoner of war and to see combat at Shiloh.

Garrison Jr., Webb
Summer 2002

Garrison Jr., Webb *Strange Battles of the Civil War*. Cumberland House, \$16.95, softcover ISBN 158182226x

Although it can be claimed that there is no normalcy in times of war, this work examines the more bizarre aspects of the Civil War. Started by the late Webb Garrison and finished by his son Webb Garrison Jr., this book looks at events such as Port Royal's battling brothers and Sabine Pass's underdog Confederate victory.

Sanders, Michael
Summer 2002

Sanders, Michael *Strange Tales of the Civil War*. Burd Street Press, \$9.95 ISBN 1572492716

In uncertain and trying times, troubled souls often looked towards nature for omens and signs that events would take a better turn. This is a collection of such stories, relating incidents like eagles appearing to herald victory and the forecast of doom surrounding General Jackson's falling sword.

Hunley, C. Russell, ed.

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Hunley, C. Russell, ed. *The 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment in the American Civil War: John Young Letters*. White Mane, \$9.95 ISBN 157249090X

John Young's letters supply a candid look at the war. He recounts incidents of victory in battles alongside darker acts, such as the shooting of the wounded at Fredericksburg. Editor C. Russell Hunley includes a bibliography and chapter notes.

Gorman, Ed
Summer 2002

Gorman, Ed *The Blue and the Gray Undercover: All New Civil War Spy Adventures*. Tom Doherty Associates, \$24.95 hardcover ISBN 312874871

The Civil War brought the importance of spying and military intelligence to the fore. This collection edited by Ed Gorman brings together thrilling tales of espionage from authors such as Edward D. Hoch, Kristine Katherine Rusch, Robert J. Randisi, and Jane Haddam. The works range from classic tales of spying to more unpredictable mysteries.

Civil War Magazine
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Civil War Magazine *The Civil War Reader: 1862*. ibook, \$16.00, softcover ISBN 743444663

This anthology offers several perspectives on the Civil War. Allan W. Howey discusses technological advancements brought about by the war; Stephen E. Sears examines notable military leaders and landmark conflicts. Included is a listing of websites for Civil War enthusiasts.

Vourlojanis, George N.
Summer 2002

Vourlojanis, George N. *The Cleveland Grays: An Urban Military Company, 1837-1919*. Kent State University Press, \$12.00 ISBN 873386787

Vourlojanis uses the Cleveland Grays as a case study for the changing role of the militia in America. Most voluntary militia had the markings of an elite social organization, with members from the upper economic classes. Vourlojanis shows how the Cleveland Grays distinguished themselves and protected their community through the Civil War and beyond.

Price, Charles F.
Summer 2002

Price, Charles F. *The Cock's Spur*. John F. Blair Publishing, \$15.95 hardcover ISBN 895872633

The sequel to Charles F. Price's *Freedom's Altar* is now available in softcover. The reader watches Hamby as he tries to negotiate life as an ex-slave still living on the farm where he labored before the war. As Hamby's dreams become tied to his success at cockfighting, the demands of family stifle and remind him of the bondage he survived.

Richardson, Heather Cox
Summer 2002

Richardson, Heather Cox *The Death of Reconstruction: Race, Labor, and Politics in the Post-Civil War North, 1865-1901*. Harvard University Press, \$39.95, hardcover ISBN 674006372

This study revisits the retreat of Reconstruction through personal correspondence, official government documents, and popular literature of the day. Richardson tracks the sway of northern sentiment from Reconstruction to 1900. Convinced that white racism and political expediency were not the only reasons for the end of Reconstruction, Richardson puts forth an alternative theory based on class conflict.

Murphy, Jim
Summer 2002

Murphy, Jim *The Journal of James Edmond Pease: A Civil War Union Soldier, Virginia 1863*. Scholastic, \$10.95, hardcover ISBN 059043814x

Sixteen-year-old James Edmond Pease is a private in the Army of the Potomac. Charged with accurately chronicling the events of his regiment, Pease's fictional tale chronicles the everyday life of a soldier as well as his coming of age during the Civil War. This is part of the My Name is America series.