

★ THE CIVIL WAR FICTION ★

Alcott, Louisa May. **Little Women.** J ALC / J PBK ALC/ J BOT ALCO
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the March sisters as they grow into young women in 19th century New England.

Armstrong, Jennifer. **Steal Away.** J PBK ARM
In 1855 two 13-year-old girls, one white and one black, run away from a southern farm and make the difficult journey north to freedom, living to recount their story 41 years later to two similar young girls.



AVI. **Something Upstairs: A Tale of Ghosts.** J AVI / J PBK AVI
When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Beatty, Patricia. **Who Comes with Cannons?** J BEA
In 1861, 12-year-old Truth, a Quaker girl from Indiana, is staying with relatives who run a North Carolina station of the Underground Railroad, when her world is changed by the beginning of the Civil War.

Crane, Stephen. **The Red Badge of Courage.** J PBK YA
The glory, pride, horror and cowardice that are associated with war are depicted in a classic account of a young soldier's Civil War experiences.

Denenberg, Barry. **When Will this Cruel War Be Over?** J DEN
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.

Fleishman, Paul. **Bull Run.** J YA FLE
Northerners, southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys and worries sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Fritz, Jean. **Brady.** J FRI
A young Pennsylvania boy takes part in the pre-Civil War anti-slavery activities.

Hamilton, Virginia. **The House of Dies Drear.** J M HAM / J PBK HAM
The secrets walled up within an old house reach back to the days of slavery and the underground railroads.



Robert E. Lee

Hansen, Joyce. **I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl.** J HAN
12-year old Patsy keeps a diary of the ripe but confusing time following the end of the Civil War and the granting of freedom to former slaves.

Hesse, Karen. **A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin.** J HES
In 1860 and 1861, while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, 15-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state.



Hunt, Irene. **Across Five Aprils.** YA HUN / J PBK YA HUN
Even though they are not in the midst of battlefields, Jethro and his family are swept up in the tragic events of war.

Keith, Harold. **Rifles for Watie.** J KEI / J PBK KEI
Jeff, a Union spy among rebel troops, finds the enemy is much like himself, only fighting for a different cause.



Lawler, Laurie. **He Will Go Fearless.** J LAW

With the Civil War ended and reconstruction begun, 15-year-old Billy resolves to make the dangerous and challenging journey West in search of real fortune—his true father.



Lyons, Mary E. **Letters from a Slave Boy: The Story of Joseph Jacobs.** J YA LYO

A fictionalized look at the life of Joseph Jacobs, son of a slave, told in the form of letters that he might have written during his life in pre-Civil War North Carolina, on a whaling expedition, in New York, New England, and finally in California.

McKissack, Patricia. **A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl.** J MCK

In 1859, 12-year-old Clotee, a house slave who must conceal the fact that she can read and write, records in her diary her experiences and her struggle to decide whether to escape to freedom.

Murphy, Jim. **The Journal of James Edmond Pease, A Civil War Union Soldier.** J MUR

James Edmond, 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.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **The Orphan Train & Orphan Train Quartet (series).** J NIX / J PBK NIX / J PBK YA NIX

This series follows the story of the 6 Kelly children, whose widowed mother has sent them west from New York City in 1856 because she realizes she cannot give them the life they deserve.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **A Dangerous Promise. (Orphan Train series)** J NIX

After being taken in by Captain Taylor and his wife in Kansas, 12-year-old Mike Kelly and his friend Todd Blakely join the Union army as musicians and see the horror of war first-hand in Missouri.



Osborne, Mary Pope. **Civil War on Sunday. (Magic Tree House #21)** J PBK OSB

Jack and Annie are transported by their magic tree house to the time of the Civil War where they meet Clara Barton.

Paterson, Katherine. **Jip: His Story.** J YA PAT

While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.

Porter, Connie Rose. **Meet Addy: An American Girl.** J POR / J PBK POR

In 1864, after her father and brother are sold to another owner, 9-year-old Addy Walker and her mother escape from their cruel life of slavery in North Carolina to freedom in Philadelphia.

Porter, Connie Rose. **Addy Learns a Lesson.** J POR / J PBK POR

After their escape from North Carolina to Philadelphia in the summer of 1864, Addy and her mother begin their new life as free people as her mother gets a paying job and Addy goes to school and learns a lesson in true friendship.

Reeder, Carolyn. **Shades of Gray.** J REE

At the end of the Civil War, 12-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” because he refused to take part in the war.



Rinaldi, Ann. **In My Father's House.** J YA RIN / J PBK YA RIN

An overview of the Civil War provides the setting for the evolution of a young girl's relationship with her stepfather.

Yep, Laurence. **Dragon's Gate. (Sequel to Mountain Light)** J YEP

When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a 15-year-old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father, and uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867.

