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## ANNOTATIONS

**Massie, Elizabeth**  
**Summer 2000**

**Massie, Elizabeth** *1870: Not with Our Blood*. Tor Books, 2000-03-01. ISBN 812590929

After his father perishes at Gettysburg, teenager Patrick O'Neal migrates to New England. Forced to take mill work alongside his younger siblings, Patrick refuses to abandon his hope to attend college and become a socialist writer.

**Belz, Herman**  
**Summer 2000**

**Belz, Herman** *A New Birth of Freedom: The Republican Party and Freedom Rights, 1861 to 1866*. Fordham University Press, 2000-05-01. ISBN 823220117

Historian Herman Belz's reprinted study argues that the extension of liberty and civil rights to freed slaves during the War was "shaped both by expedient military and political incentives and by principles of liberty and equality." New introduction.

**Jones, Wilmer L.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Jones, Wilmer L.** *After the Thunder: Fourteen Men Who Shaped Post-Civil War America*. Taylor Publishing Co. (TX), 2000-01-01. \$26.95 ISBN 087833176X

Wilmer Jones traces the postwar careers of well-known Civil War figures. The victorious unionists generally persisted in political and military ambitions, while the defeated Confederates took up education, business, or vindicating themselves on paper.

**Beatty, Bess**

**Summer 2000**

**Beatty, Bess** *Alamance: The Holt Family and Industrialization in a North Carolina County, 1837-1900*. Louisiana State University Press, 1999-11-01. \$22.95 ISBN 807124494

**Alamance** offers a social history of southern industrial development by examining one far-reaching textile enterprise. The firm profited from the War, but rising post-war tensions between workers and management heralded a new era of business.

**Tucker, Spencer C.**

**Summer 2000**

**Tucker, Spencer C.** *Andrew Foote: Civil War Admiral on Western Waters*. Naval Institute Press, 2000-04-01. ISBN 1557508208

Andrew Foote is best remembered for his role in the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson and Island No. 10. This biography looks also at the Connecticut-born admiral's work as social reformer favoring temperance and abolition.

**Kantrowitz, Stephen David**

**Summer 2000**

**Kantrowitz, Stephen David** *Ben Tillman and the Reconstruction of White Supremacy*. University of North Carolina Press, 2000-04-01. ISBN 807848395

Kantrowitz outlines, through the life and career of South Carolina politician Tillman, the development of white supremacist politics and opposition to northern corporate powers after the War.

**Porter, Horace  
Simpson, Brooks**

**Summer 2000**

**Porter, Horace and Simpson, Brooks.** *Campaigning with Grant.* University of Nebraska Press, 2000-06-01. ISBN 803287631

Working first on McClellan's staff, West Pointer Horace Porter later served in both theaters as Grant's Aide-de-camp. This reprint of Porter's postwar memoir contains a new introduction by Brooks D. Simpson.

**Rummel, George A.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Rummel, George A.** *Cavalry on the Roads to Gettysburg: Kilpatrick at Hanover and Hunterstown.* White Mane Publishing Company, 2000-03-01. ISBN 1572491744

In the days prior to Gettysburg, Judson Kilpatrick's cavalry division clashed nearby with Jeb Stuart's units. The outcomes were indecisive, but this study looks also at the roles played by George Custer, Fitzhugh Lee, and Wade Hampton in the fighting.

**Sinnott, Susan**  
**Handelman, Dorothy**  
**Summer 2000**

**Sinnott, Susan and Handelman, Dorothy.** *Charley Waters Goes to Gettysburg.* Millbrook Press, 2000-03-01. ISBN 761315675

Gettysburg's drama is relived through the eyes of an eight-year-old who joins his father's regiment. The text introduces reenacting on the field and behind the scenes, and is complemented by photos, a glossary, and a bibliography.

**Bailey, Anne J.**  
**Sutherland, Daniel E.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Bailey, Anne J. and Sutherland, Daniel E..** *Civil War Arkansas: Beyond Battles and Leaders.* University of Arkansas Press, 1999-11-01. ISBN 1557285659

Eleven essays and an overview of earlier scholarly efforts are found in *Civil War Arkansas*. Among the subjects treated: Arkansas's "semi-primitive" image, Confederate strategy, irregular warfare, and atrocities against black soldiers.

**Dosier, Susan**  
**Summer 2000**

**Dosier, Susan** *Civil War Cooking: The Confederacy.* Blue Earth Books, 1999-09-01. ISBN 736803505

The **Civil War Cooking** books offer recipes for food eaten in the Civil War period updated for modern cooking techniques. Recipes are accompanied by simple descriptions of favorite foods, battlefield privations, and foraging on the run. Though presented as what soldiers might have cooked and eaten, several recipes require equipment that the average foot soldier would not have carried in the field.

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**Haselberger, Fritz**  
**Summer 2000**

**Haselberger, Fritz** *Confederate Retaliation: McCausland's 1864 Raid*. White Mane Publishing Company, 1999-11-01. ISBN 1572491132

"The destruction was carried out in the most efficient and ruthless manner imaginable," Fritz Haselberger writes of the torching of Chambersburg, Maryland. It was Jubal Early's payback for the Union's Shenandoah Valley plundering.

**Sprott, Robert**  
**Quist, Andrew**  
**Smith, Louis**  
**Summer 2000**

**Sprott, Robert, Quist, Andrew, and Smith, Louis.** *Cush: A Civil War Memoir*. Livingston University Press, 1999-06-01. \$22.00 ISBN 942979567

A young foot soldier in the 40th Alabama, Samuel H. Sprott had a post-war career as a lawyer and judge. In 1899, he began writing the plainspoken and direct Civil War reflections collected in *Cush*.

**Pardington, John Henry**  
**Lassen, Coralou P.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Pardington, John Henry and Lassen, Coralou P.** *Dear Sarah: Letters Home from a Soldier of the Iron Brigade*. Indiana University Press, 1999-11-01. ISBN 253335604

"God knows there has been enough Blood split in this cursed War," Corporal John Pardington wrote his wife, in what proved to be his final letter. *Dear Sarah* contains his dispatches through his death at Gettysburg.

**Daly, Maria Lydig**

**Hammond, Harold Earl  
Berlin, Jean V.  
Summer 2000**

**Daly, Maria Lydig, Hammond, Harold Earl, and Berlin, Jean V..** *Diary of a Union Lady, 1861-1865*. University of Nebraska Press, 2000-06-01. ISBN 803266235

Married to a New York City judge, Maria Daly traveled in the city's patrician and political circles. A Democrat, she reviled Lincoln and admired McClellan. Her diary, newly reprinted, presents a literate and often biting perspective on the War.

**Morris, Gilbert  
Summer 2000**

**Morris, Gilbert** *Edge of Honor*. Zondervan Publishing Company, 2000-05-01. \$12.99 ISBN 310225892

Surgeon Quentin Larabee and his crippled sister Hannah head south to rectify a devastating mistake made during the just-concluded War. Forced to choose between marrying into New York society and fulfilling his sense of duty, Quentin follows his true heart. **Edge of Honor** mediates between the irredeemable sadness of life and Christian repentance.

**Glatthaar, Joseph T.  
Summer 2000**

**Glatthaar, Joseph T.** *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers*. Louisiana State University Press, 2000-06-01. ISBN 807125601

This reprinted study of the relationship between the 180,000 black soldiers and 7,000 white officers of the U.S. Colored Troops examines how, in the face of mutual suspicions, the men "reconciled themselves to one another" to unite for

battle.

**Frankel, Noralee**  
**Summer 2000**

**Frankel, Noralee** *Freedom's Women: Black Women & Families in Civil War Era Mississippi*. Indiana University Press, 1999-07-01. \$35.00 ISBN 253334950

Noralee Frankel examines slave marriage, forced family separation, sexual relations, post-war family law, and many other topics to reveal the status and practices of female black Mississippians during the Civil War and its aftermath.

**Arnold, James**  
**Wiener, Roberta**  
**Summer 2000**

**Arnold, James and Wiener, Roberta.** *Gettysburg July 2, 1863-Union: The Army of the Potomac*. Stackpole Books, 2000-04-01. ISBN 1855328569

Meade's forces during Gettysburg's second day are analyzed down to the divisional level in James Arnold and Roberta Wiener's guide. Union positions are plotted in color on maps, orders of battle are given, and a vivid combat chronology is provided.

**Ehrlich, Everett M.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Ehrlich, Everett M.** *Grant Speaks*. Warner Books, Inc., 2000-06-01. ISBN 446523879

"I've been a failure, a hero, and a chump," Grant declares in this creative edition of his memoirs. "What I propose to do in this final hour is tell the truth." By turns, irreverent, scathing, and scatological, *Grant Speaks* is, like the old boy himself, a piece of work. Whether firing away about married life, his fellow generals, or the political set, Grant clearly is waging his last campaign.



**Wilson, Jackie N.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Wilson, Jackie N.** *Hidden Witness: African-American Images from the Dawn of Photography to the Civil War.* St. Martin's Press, 1999-10-01. ISBN 312245467

Furnished with photos selected from the author's and the J. Paul Getty Museum's collections, this album visually records black life during the antebellum and War years. The images mostly portray wealthy freedmen and women in formal poses.

**Jacobs, Harriet A.**  
**Jacobs, John S.**  
**Yellin, Jean Fagan**  
**Summer 2000**

**Jacobs, Harriet A., Jacobs, John S., and Yellin, Jean Fagan.** *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Written by Herself: Now with A True Tale of Slavery, by John Jacobs.* Harvard University Press, 2000-02-01. ISBN 674002717

Born in North Carolina, Harriet Jacobs fled slavery and hid for seven years before escaping north. The 1861 publication of her story occasioned a sensation. This edition includes a chronology and some of Jacob's letters from the 1850s.

**McGreevy, Candace**  
**Mogus, Mary Ann**  
**Murphy, Clarence**  
**Summer 2000**

**McGreevy, Candace, Mogus, Mary Ann, and Murphy, Clarence.** *It Has Seamed Like War Today: The Civil War Letters of William D. Walton.* Monroe County Historical Association, ISBN 965735028

Quaker medic William Walton's 32 letters collected here address such subjects as Antietam's carnage, personal finances, and Professor Lowe's balloon.

**Martin, Samuel J.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Martin, Samuel J.** *Kill-Cavalry: The Life of Union General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick*. Stackpole Books, 2000-01-01. \$27.95 ISBN 081170887X

"I know Kilpatrick is one hell of a damned fool, but I want just that sort of man to command my cavalry," Sherman remarked about the irascible scoundrel whose exploits from West Point to post-war diplomatic service are portrayed in **Kill-Cavalry**. First Stackpole edition.

**Yancey, Diane**  
**Summer 2000**

**Yancey, Diane** *Leaders of the North and South*. Lucent Books, ISBN 1560064978

The five volumes that compose the American War Library's Civil War series survey the conflict's causes, leaders, battles, and outcome. In **Lincoln and the Abolition of Slavery**, Russell Roberts uses John Brown, the 1860 election, and the role of blacks in the War to explicate slavery's role in the festering regional hostilities. Diane Yancey sketches the lives of politicians, abolitionists, military commanders, and prominent women in **Leaders of the North and South**. Weapon technology, cavalry equipment, artillery, naval warfare, and espionage are featured in **Weapons of War** by Gail B. Stewart. Seven key battles or campaigns are discussed in Diane Yancey's **Strategic Battles**, along with ironclad engagements and postwar reunions. The common soldiers' perspective is depicted in James A. Corrick's **Life Among the Soldiers and Cavalry** through such experiences as enlistment, camp food, grooming, and mutiny. Although the books overlap in some places, they generally complement each other in subject matter. Each volume offers footnotes and interesting sidebars about topics such as the Whig party and General Meade's horse Old Baldy. Some include a glossary or a chronology. Overall, the series would enrich a middle school-level library or bookshelf.

**Corrick, James A.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Corrick, James A.** *Life Among the Soldiers and Cavalry*. Lucent Books, ISBN 1560064919

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**Kallen, Stuart A.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Kallen, Stuart A.** *Life on the Underground Railroad*. \$23.97 ISBN 1560066679

**Roberts, Russell**  
**Summer 2000**

**Roberts, Russell** *Lincoln and the Abolition of Slavery*. Lucent Books, ISBN 156006580X

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**Trump, Fred**  
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**Trump, Fred** *Lincoln's Little Girl*. Boyds Mills Press, 2000-02-01. ISBN 1563978520

The actual experiences of 11-year-old Grace Bedell, who famously suggested that Lincoln grow whiskers, are conveyed in this new edition of Fred Trump's 1977 biography. Trump recreates Bedell's life as a girl growing up in western New York and a young woman homesteading in Kansas.

**Hutton, Jeff**  
**Summer 2000**

**Hutton, Jeff** *Perfect Silence*. Breakaway Books, 2000-09-01. \$23.00 ISBN 1891369202

A late enlistee to the Confederate cause, Joseph Tyler soon finds himself imprisoned at Elmira. Baseball offers a diversion from prison life and affords an unanticipated postwar career that allows him to come to terms with the War. **Perfect Silence** is about a zest for life, a love for baseball, and remembering the cost of war.

**Ruby, Lois**  
**Summer 2000**

**Ruby, Lois** *Soon Be Free*. Simon & Schuster Books, 2000-08-01. ISBN 689832664

This mystery-adventure uses flashbacks from present day to the antebellum period to tell the story of a 13-year-old who aids escaped slaves. In addition to artfully contrasting contemporary diction with antebellum formality, Lois Ruby blends Delaware Indians into the plot.

**Yancey, Diane**  
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**Yancey, Diane** *Strategic Battles*. Lucent Books, ISBN 156006496X

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**Weaver, C. P.  
Bearss, Edwin C.  
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**Weaver, C. P. and Bearss, Edwin C..** *Thank God My Regiment an African One: The Civil War Diary of Colonel Nathan W. Daniels.* Louisiana State University Press, 2000-03-01. ISBN 807125660

Nathan W. Daniels commanded a Louisiana Native Guards regiment. Exiled by General Nathaniel Banks to garrison duty with his regiment at Ship Island, Mississippi, Daniels kept a lucid diary recording his experiences. Now in paperback.

**Woodworth, Steven E.  
Summer 2000**

**Woodworth, Steven E.** *The American Civil War: Cultures in Conflict.* Greenwood Press, ISBN 313306516

Steven E. Woodworth gets at the heart of the Civil War - the United States had become "a nation containing two cultures that were increasingly distinct" - in this narrated selection of primary source letters, diaries, and memoirs.

**Woodworth, Steven E.  
Calhoun, Charles W.  
Summer 2000**

**Woodworth, Steven E. and Calhoun, Charles W..** *The Human Tradition in the Civil War and Reconstruction.* Scholarly Resources Inc., 2000-05-01. ISBN 842027270

Part of a series on "the mosaic of human history," this book features essays by J. Matthew Gallman, Allen C. Guelzo, and others about 14 Civil War-era leaders, activists, and personalities.

**Hopkins, Donald A.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Hopkins, Donald A.** *The Little Jeff: The Jeff Davis Legion, Cavalry, Army of Northern Virginia.* White Mane, ISBN 1572491728

A Mississippi cavalry unit whose ranks were bolstered by Georgians and Alabamians, the Jeff Davis Legion is given a succinct regimental history. **The Little Jeff** covers the unit's extensive fighting under Lee and Joseph Johnston.

**Getzinger, Donna**  
**Summer 2000**

**Getzinger, Donna** *The Picture Wagon.* Denlinger, \$8.95 ISBN 877144818

Joanna Prescott's unionist family is run out of Tennessee. Taking over her wounded father's traveling photography shop, Joanna is soon drawn into intrigue.

**Speicher, Anna M.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Speicher, Anna M.** *The Religious World of Antislavery Women; Spirituality in the Lives of Five Abolitionist Lecturers.* Syracuse University Press, 1999-11-01. ISBN 815628501

Pushing the boundaries of sexual propriety and of Christian orthodoxy, the female abolitionists studied by Anna M. Speicher challenged prevailing conventions. Speicher looks at the women's perceptions of how religion affected their social activism.

**Asim, Jabari**

**Summer 2000**

**Asim, Jabari** *The Road to Freedom: A Story of Reconstruction*. Peter Bedrick Books, 2000-05-01. ISBN 809206250

Set during Reconstruction, this story revolves around young Ezra Taplin, a freed slave boy who is jolted into adulthood by a disclosure about the real cause of his crippled leg.

**Parker, Eddy R.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Parker, Eddy R.** *Touched by Fire: Letters from Company D, 5th Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade*. Hill College Press, ISBN 912972401

The annotated letters of three "Waverly Confederates" collected in **Touched by Fire** reveal a different fate for each Texan: one, a private, fought until Appomattox; another, a senator's son, perished at the Wilderness; the third, the company's commander, was captured at Gettysburg.

**Bockmiller, Stephen R.**  
**Bopp, Lawrence J.**  
**Summer 2000**

**Bockmiller, Stephen R. and Bopp, Lawrence J..** *USS Constellation: An Illustrated History*. Tempus, ISBN 073850582X

Built of wood and sail in an age where iron and steam would become cutting edge, the *Constellation* fired nary a shot in anger during the War. Its crew of 280 sailed the Mediterranean and Gulf, keeping up diplomatic appearances for the Union.

**Stewart, Gail B.**  
**Summer 2000**



**Stewart, Gail B.** *Weapons of War*. Lucent Books, ISBN 1560066261

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**Clarke, Erskine**  
**Summer 2000**

**Clarke, Erskine** *Wrestlin' Jacob: A Portrait of Religion in Antebellum Georgia and the Carolina Low Country*. University of Alabama Press, 2000-01-01. ISBN 817310401

This reprint of Erskine Clarke's 1979 book about the complex interaction of politics, evangelism, and race in the prewar South concludes that proselytization by white preachers of slaves unwittingly encouraged the postwar emergence of black churches.