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**Thomas, Benjamin P.  
Burlingame, Michael, ed.**

**Fall 2002**

**Thomas, Benjamin P. and Burlingame, Michael, ed..** *"Lincoln's Humor" and Other Essays*. University of Illinois Press, \$34.95 hardcover ISBN 252027086

Editor Michl Burlingame makes available a collection of previously uncollected and unpublished writings from acclaimed Lincoln scholar, Benjamin P. Thomas. The essays contained within this collection touch on Lincoln's character as a humorist, lawyer, and politician. An ntroduction is provided by Burlingame.

**Oeffinger, John C.**

**Fall 2002**

**Oeffinger, John C.** *A Soldier's General: The Civil War Letters of Major General Lafayette McLaws*. The University of North Carolina Press, \$34.95 ISBN 807826901

Civil War historian John Oeffinger offers a picture of Major General Lafayette McLaws, a central figure in the Confederacy and yet a relatively obscure figure historically. Ninety-five of McLaws's pre-war and wartime letters are presented and Oeffinger's introduction marks the first significant biography of McLaws, who as Oeffinger puts it in his introduction, has remained virtually invisible over the last century.

**White, Terry A.**

**Fall 2002**

**White, Terry A.** *American Manufacturers of Combustible Ammunition: James H. Merrill, E.R. Sturtevant, H.W. Mason*. Thomas Publications, \$9.95 ISBN 1577470850

Terry White presents his research findings on the businesses of Merrill, Sturtevant, and Mason — three prominent American manufacturers of combustible ammunition during Civil War. Information is broken into three sections, each devoted to one of the manufacturers. Illustrations and tables are included throughout.

**Cozzens, Peter**

**Fall 2002**

**Cozzens, Peter** *Battles & Leaders of the Civil War*. University of Illinois Press, \$34.95 ISBN 252024044

The original four volumes of this series are the classic first-person accounts and opinion articles edited by Robert Underwood Johnson and Clarence Clough Buel. Peter Cozzens seeks to continue this tradition in a fifth volume, featuring the items and views that were published in American newspapers in the decades after Volume 4 was printed.

**Smith, John David**

**Fall 2002**

**Smith, John David** *Black Judas: William Hannibal Thomas and The American Negro*. Ivan R. Dee, \$18.95 ISBN 1566634237

John David Smith's examination of controversial writer William Hannibal Thomas illustrates Thomas's evolution into the disillusioned and inflammatory author of *The American Negro* (1901). Through Thomas, Smith studies the problems of race and the questions of identity.

**Reasoner, James**

**Fall 2002**

**Reasoner, James** *Chickamauga: A Novel*. Cumberland House Publishing, \$22.95 hardcover ISBN 1581822537

The adventure continues for the Brannon clan in this seventh installment of the Civil War Battle series. Cory and Lucille try to escape from a Union-occupied Vicksburg, while Mac attempts to find an encampment for an injured Will. Titus and Nathan struggle to find a way back to the Brannon family homestead.

**Baptist, Edward E.**

**Fall 2002**

**Baptist, Edward E.** *Creating an Old South: Middle Florida's Plantation Frontier Before the Civil War.* University of North Carolina, \$59.95 ISBN 080782688x

Edward E. Baptist looks to dispel the myth of the Old South and its imposition upon the documented history of Middle Florida. Baptist contends that Middle Florida's history must be looked at not as a cascade of inevitability leading up to the Civil War, but as a region that underwent complicated transitions due to migration and settlements. Illustrations and an appendix with statistical tables are included.

**Cochran III, Augustus B.**

**Fall 2002**

**Cochran III, Augustus B.** *Democracy Heading South: National Politics in the Shadow of Dixie.* University Press of Kansas, \$29.95 ISBN 700610898

Is southern politics spreading above the Mason-Dixon line? Augustus B. Cochran III sees Dixie's politics as the lens through which current governmental trends can be clarified. With this new rise of solid South ideology, Cochran also predicts the problems brewing on today's political horizons.

**Taylor, Paul**

**Fall 2002**

**Taylor, Paul** *Discovering the Civil War in Florida: A Reader and Guide*. Pineapple Press, \$24.95 ISBN 1561652347

Author Paul Taylor follows the Union invasion of Florida, offering accounts of conflicts on land and at sea, maps of key areas, photos, excerpts from official sources, and personal stories. He also provides location and admission information for Florida's battlefield parks.

**Johnson, David E.**

**Fall 2002**

**Johnson, David E.** *Douglas Southall Freeman*. Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., \$27.50 ISBN 1589800214

David E. Johnson brings us the first biography of Douglas Southall Freeman — two time Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, onetime editor of the Richmond News Leader (1915-1949), and sometime advisor to world leaders like Churchill and Eisenhower. Freeman's extraordinary life and career are finally available in this extensive work from Johnson.

**Schneller, Jr., Robert J.**

**Fall 2002**

**Schneller, Jr., Robert J.** *Farragut: America's First Admiral*. Brassey's, \$19.95 ISBN 1574883984

The latest addition to the Brassey's Military Profiles series, this book is a military biography of David Glasgow Farragut. Author Robert J. Schneller Jr. focuses on the intelligence, confidence, and courage that made Farragut an excellent leader.

**Millen, Patricia**

**Fall 2002**

**Millen, Patricia** *From Pastime to Passion: Baseball and the Civil War*. Heritage Books, Inc., \$12.95 ISBN 788417754

Patricia Millen traces the development of America's favorite pastime from its primitive pre-Civil War beginnings, including games played by slaves in the Ante-Bellum South, up through the post-war elevation of baseball to a professional sport. A chronology of Baseball in England and America (1621-1860) leading up to the Civil War and numerous illustrations are included in this volume.

**Trout, Robert J.**

**Fall 2002**

**Trout, Robert J.** *Galloping Thunder: The Stuart Horse Artillery Battalion*. Stackpole Books, \$44.95 ISBN 811707075

Inspired by a footnote years ago, Robert J. Trout reconstructs the history of The Stuart Horse Artillery Battalion in this comprehensive text. Building on a vast array of materials including rosters, lists of engagements, testimonials, memoirs, and personal letters, Trout creates a total work that addresses both the logistical actions of the war and the personal affectations of this war.

**Turk, David Sott**

**Fall 2002**

**Turk, David Sott** *Give My Kind Regards to the Ladies: The Life of Littleton Quinton Washington*. Heritage Books, \$18.50 ISBN 788418068

Littleton Quinton Washington û a young adventurer in gold rush-era San Francisco, chief clerk of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, journalist, and descendant of the nation's first president û has remained a relatively unknown figure in public history. David Scott Turk aims to introduce us to this influential character of his time. The text is augmented with two genealogical charts, a bibliography, and index.

**Coombe, Jack D.**

**Fall 2002**

**Coombe, Jack D.** *Gunsmoke Over the Atlantic: First Naval Actions of the Civil War*. Bantam, \$23.95 ISBN 553801627

Jack D. Coombe brings key naval conflicts to life in vivid detail, documenting the navy's transformation from a disorganized and ill-utilized branch of the military to a fierce force by the end of the Civil War. Includes information on the first amphibious operations and the growth of underwater warfare.

**Davis, David Brion**

**Fall 2002**

**Davis, David Brion** *In the Image of God: Religion, Moral Values, and Our Heritage of Slavery*. Yale University Press, \$35.00 ISBN 300088140

Containing five parts and twenty six distinct essays, historian David Brion Davis, explores the legacy of slavery and racism and connections to the peculiar American dilemma and notions of feminism. In this broad text, Davis navigates through modern philosophy and thought regarding these issues by addressing contemporaries as well as historical thinkers.

**Hughes, Jr., Nathaniel Cheairs**

**Whitney, Gordon D.**

**Fall 2002**

**Hughes, Jr., Nathaniel Cheairs and Whitney, Gordon D.** *Jefferson Davis in Blue: The Life of Sherman's Relentless Warrior*. Louisiana State University Press, \$49.95 ISBN 807127779

Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr. and Gordon D. Whitney offer a thorough look at the complex story of Jefferson Columbus Davis, most infamously known for the murder of his former commander and the abandonment of African American refugees to the Confederate Cavalry. Hughes and Whitney pose that there is

more to the story of this intricate Union military leader and the aim of this text to shed light on the totality of the man.

**Beights, Ronald**

**Fall 2002**

**Beights, Ronald** *Jesse James and the First Missouri Train Robbery*. Pelican, \$15.50 ISBN 1589800192

Anti-Confederate sentiment and the political backlash against Reconstruction further divided the war-torn state of Missouri. As leaders took measures against those who had served the South during the war, southern supporters like Frank and Jesse James utilized the violent skills the war taught them to start a life of crime.

**Jones, Terry L.**

**Fall 2002**

**Jones, Terry L.** *Lee's Tigers: The Louisiana Infantry in the Army of Northern Virginia*. Louisiana State University Press, \$16.95 ISBN 807127868

Terry Jones traces the movements of the Louisiana soldiers serving the Confederate Army from First Manassas to Appomattox. These brave and notorious men, known as the Louisiana Tigers, are explored in this comprehensive account of all the Louisiana units working under General Lee.

**Child Dr., William**

**Fall 2002**

**Child Dr., William** *Letters From a Civil War Surgeon*. Polar Bear & Company, \$25.00 ISBN 1882190637

Dr. William Child, a surgeon with the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers, had a front-seat view of the brutality of the Civil War and a responsibility to mend the many wounded. Child's letters written from 1862 to 1865 reveal his unique



experience as a doctor throughout the war, his perspectives on war and peace, and his eyewitness accounts of several major milestones throughout the war, including the assassination of President Lincoln.

**Osborne, Mary Pope**

**Fall 2002**

**Osborne, Mary Pope** *My Brother's Keeper: Virginia's Diary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1863*. Scholastic, \$8.95 hardcover ISBN 439153077

Virginia Dicken's fictional diary describes the battle of Gettysburg and conveys the anxiety of war on the home front. Virginia struggles with the possibility that the Confederate forces may take Gettysburg, and that she may never see her father and brother again. **My Brother's Keeper** is the part of the *Dear America* series. Book two of the series, *After the Rain*, is also available from Scholastic.

**Tidball, Eugene**

**Fall 2002**

**Tidball, Eugene** *No Disgrace to my Country: The Life and Times of John C. Tidball*. Kent State University Press, \$49.00 ISBN 873387228

Incorporating previously unpublished wartime letters and memoirs, the author tells the story of his relative's years of service in the Union army alongside such figures as Irvin McDowell, Ambrose Burnside, and Henry Hunt. Commentaries about his service as aide-de-camp to Sherman after the War and on various political matters related to the origin of the conflict are also included.

**Cutrer, Thomas W.**

**Fall 2002**

**Cutrer, Thomas W.** *Oh, What A Loansome Time I Had: The Civil War Letters of Major William Morel Moxley, Eighteenth Alabama Infantry, and Emily Beck Moxley*. University of Southern Alabama Press, \$29.95 hardcover ISBN

817311181

Editor Thomas W. Cutrer presents the letters of an Alabama farm couple. The correspondence offers a glimpse into the difficulties of working-class civilian life during the war. Maps, footnotes, and a genealogical chart of the family are provided.

**Hicks, Brian  
Kropf, Schuyler  
Fall 2002**

**Hicks, Brian and Kropf, Schuyler.** *Raising the Hunley: The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine.* Ballantine, \$25.00 ISBN 345447719

Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf create a narrative account of the H. L. Hunley from the conflict that sunk her to the controversy surrounding her preservation. Noted Hunley hunter Clive Cussler gives the reader a rare insider's look at one of the Civil War's greatest mysteries.

**Arnold, James R.  
Weiner, Roberta  
Fall 2002**

**Arnold, James R. and Weiner, Roberta.** *River to Victory: The Civil War in the West, 1861-1863.* Lerner Publishing Group, ISBN 822523140

From the Secession to the Reconstruction, this series provides young adults with an introduction to the basic facts and events of the Civil War. Each book provides colorful illustrations and photographs, as well as key vocabulary words, notes, timelines, and a selected bibliography for further reading.

**Coffey, David  
Fall 2002**

**Coffey, David** *Soldier Princess: The Life and Legend of Agnes Salm-Salm in North America, 1861-1867*. Texas A&M; University Press, \$24.95 hardcover ISBN 1585441686

Agnes Salm-Salm was 19th century America's prototype woman of mystery. David Coffey seeks to separate the fact from legend in Salm-Salm's life. Although she may not have been the woman glorified by the myth, Coffey's work reveals her to be a woman who held considerable influence over many politicians and leaders of her time.

**Johnson, Walter**

**Fall 2002**

**Johnson, Walter** *Soul by Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Slave Market*. Harvard University Press, \$15.95 ISBN 674005392

This award-winning study is now available in softcover. Walter Johnson works to offer a picture of the New Orleans's slave market from three distinctive perspectives. The author draws from slave narratives to glean personal experiences, analyzes official documents such as court cases and bills of sale, and utilizes letters from slave owners and traders. Johnson weaves a complex tale of the slave trade in the New World.

**Painter, Nell Ervin**

**Fall 2002**

**Painter, Nell Ervin** *Southern History Across the Color Line*. University of North Carolina Press, \$37.50 ISBN 807826928

Nell Irvin Painter brings us a multi-disciplinary look at Southern history in her presentation of six previously published essays. This collection aims to reshape the way we look at history. Ms. Painter challenges historians to forget the simplicity of black versus white history and to recognize all the pertinent factors in historical research including race, gender, socio-economic status, and more.

**Welker, David**

**Fall 2002**

**Welker, David** *Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly*. Da Capo, \$27.50  
hardcover ISBN 306811189

David Welker pieces together the common soldier's experience of this bloody conflict. With official records, personal accounts, and news articles, Welker reconstructs the movements of this mysterious yet pivotal battle that claimed the lives of Union Generals Stevens and Kearny.

**Kautz, August V.**

**Fall 2002**

**Kautz, August V.** *The 1865 Customs of Service for Officers of the Army: A Handbook of the Duties of Each Grade, Lt. To Lt. General*. Stackpole, \$15.95  
ISBN 811700062

What does a Brevet Second Lieutenant do? This reprint of Union Captain August V. Kautz's handbook of rank responsibilities answers that question and more. In this compendium, he also outlines codes of military justice, retiring guidelines for commissioned officers, and duties of councils and boards. This work presents a contemporary perspective on what was expected of Civil War soldiers.

**Phelps, W. Chris**

**Fall 2002**

**Phelps, W. Chris** *The Bombardment of Charleston 1863-1865*. Pelican Publishing Company, \$14.95 ISBN 1589800281

W. Chris Phelps chronicles the Union's 545-day bombardment of the Confederacy's largest blockade-running port relying on memoirs, armed forces records, and newspaper reports.

**Walker, Paul D.**

**Fall 2002**

**Walker, Paul D.** *The Cavalry Battle That Saved the Union: Custer vs. Stuart at Gettysburg.* Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., \$18.95 hardcover ISBN 1589800125

Paul D. Walker reveals how differently the battle of Gettysburg could have gone down, had the Confederate's Cavalry stormed the rear while Pickett's infantry charged the front, as Lee originally planned. Walker lays out the original strategy set forth by General Lee and then details the actual action concentrating on this most intense account of mounted warfare. Maps, photographs, and an index are provided.

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**Thomsen, Brian**

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**Thomsen, Brian** *The Civil War Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant.* Tom Doherty, LLC, \$25.95 ISBN 076530242x

Ulysses S. Grant's memoirs provide an inside look at war and politics, as well as the struggles and motivations of a Union War hero. Brian M. Thompson

offers a newly abridged version representing the Civil War years of the original two-volume edition published in 1885.

**Williamson, Denise**

**Fall 2002**

**Williamson, Denise** *The Dark Sun Rises*. Bethany House Publishers, \$11.99  
ISBN 1556618824

Denise Williamson's tale of Joseph, a favored and curious slave in antebellum Charleston, traces the intellectual and spiritual growth of a human being within the confines of a society that rebels against a slave's right to explore and grow. We follow Joseph's continued growth and the resulting consequences for him, his master, and his peers.

**Sword, Wiley**

**Fall 2002**

**Sword, Wiley** *The Historic Henry Rifle: Oliver Winchester's Famous Civil War Repeater*. Andrew Mowbray Publishers, \$29.95 ISBN 1931464014

The Henry Rifle innovated the firing of modern metallic cartridges and dramatically altered the nature of combat. Wiley Sword chronicles this famous weapon from its inception and early governmental rejection to its widespread acceptance and even devotion by veteran soldiers. Illustrations, a bibliography, and an index are included.

**Dreese, Michael A.**

**Fall 2002**

**Dreese, Michael A.** *The Hospital on Seminary Ridge at the Battle of Gettysburg*. McFarland & Company, \$45.00 hardcover ISBN 786412240

With a focus on the Old Dorm of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Michl A. Dreese combines medical, heological, and Civil War history. What unfolds

are the little-explored, personal accounts of this battle. Professor Frederick K. Wentz provides an insightful foreward to this volume.

**Eudell, Demetrius**

**Fall 2002**

**Eudell, Demetrius** *The Political Language of Emancipation in the British Caribbean and the US South*. University of North Carolina Press, \$45.00 ISBN 807826804

Demetrius L. Eudell comparatively studies the events during the post-slavery era in the United States and the British Caribbean. He contests that the conceptualization and implementation of emancipation shapes the conditions of contemporary descendants of slaves and bears as much influence on these modern conditions as does the history of slavery itself.

**deKay, James Tertius**

**Fall 2002**

**deKay, James Tertius** *The Rebel Raiders: The Astonishing History of the Confederacy's Secret Navy*. Ballantine, \$26.00 ISBN 345431820

Espionage and battle strategy was not confined to land conflicts. James Tertius deKay unfolds the tale of the C.S.S. Alabama and the last of the great Civil War maritime campaigns. Tracking the creation of the vessel from its inception as Number 290 to its Confederate service, the author introduces a host of colorful historical persons who battled each other at sea.

**Reiss, Benjamin**

**Fall 2002**

**Reiss, Benjamin** *The Showman and the Slave: Race, Death, and Memory in Barnum's America*. Harvard University Press, \$29.95 ISBN 674006364

The fractured story of Joice Heth's life and travels with P. T. Barnum are used to plot the rising tensions in Antebellum America. The claim that Heth was an elderly enslaved, one hundred and sixty-one year old former nurse to George Washington set the stage for Barnum's sideshow success. Her act and her death, in a time of transition in definitions of racial identity, lead to a public fascination and an early example of a media circus in America. Benjamin Reiss tells us the story of Joice Heth and in his conclusion provides theories to address the identity of the woman before the show.

**May, Robert E.**

**Fall 2002**

**May, Robert E.** *The Southern Dream of a Caribbean Empire, 1854-1861.* University Press of Florida, \$24.95 ISBN 813025125

Robert May addresses the international relevance of the Civil War through his analysis of the Southern push to extend slavery into the Caribbean prior to the war. This reprint of the breakthrough 1973 original features a new preface by the author considering the latest research on the Caribbean question.

**Ellis, Virginia**

**Fall 2002**

**Ellis, Virginia** *The Wedding Dress.* Ballantine, \$21.95 hardcover ISBN 34544825

Using the creation of a wedding dress as a metaphor for the transformation of Southern society, Virginia Ellis patterns a story on the classic tale of women learning how to survive.

**Williamson, Denise**

**Fall 2002**

**Williamson, Denise** *When Stars Begin to Fall.* Bethany House Publishers, \$11.99 ISBN 1556618832



Denise Williamson continues the tale of Joseph begun in *The Dark Sun Rises*. Here he faces new obstacles in his journey for spiritual and intellectual enlightenment. Joseph, newly freed and secretly educated as a medical practitioner, lives and works in a small black community outside of Philadelphia. Nearby lives the daughter of his former owner, and the inevitable coming together of the two is played out in dramatic time with the cultural and racial conflicts of the period.

**Larson, Rebecca D.**

**Fall 2002**

**Larson, Rebecca D.** *When a Rose Is Not a Rose*. Thomas Publications, \$7.95  
ISBN 1577470532

Patriotic passion knows no gender boundaries. Rebecca D. Larson presents details of the organizations that trained women for war, and the outstanding women soldiers who came to the defense of their countries.

**Wittenberg, Eric J.**

**Fall 2002**

**Wittenberg, Eric J.** *With Sheridan in the Final Campaign Against Lee by Lt. Col. Frederick C. Newhall, Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry*. Louisiana State University Press, \$34.95 hardcover ISBN 807127566

Originally published by Newhall himself in 1866, this new edition reintroduces us to the carefully observed and documented events Newhall experienced as a member of the elite Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry. Eric J. Wittenberg supplements the original text with maps, photographs, a preface, and more.