

CIVIL WAR NOVELS



Cloudsplitter by Russell Banks

John Brown preaches against slavery, and he plans to capture the arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

March by Geraldine Brooks

In a story inspired by the father character in "Little Women" and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father, a man leaves behind his family to serve in the Civil War and finds his beliefs challenged by his experiences.

White Doves at Morning by James Lee Burke

Despite their misgivings about "the Cause," Willie Burke and his best friends, three young men from New Iberia, Louisiana, enlist in the Confederate Army and head off to war, in a novel drawn from the author's own family history.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Henry Fleming, a young Union soldier, struggles with his conflicting emotions about violence, death, and the nature of bravery in this ironic, skeptical account of the Civil War.

The March by E.L. Doctorow

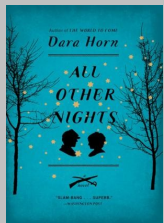
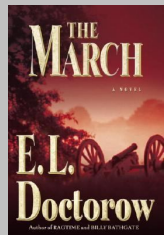
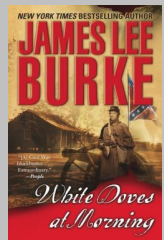
Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's devastating march through Georgia and the Carolinas during the final years of the Civil War has a profound impact on the outcome of the war.

All Other Nights by Dara Horn

Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army, struggles with difficult moral questions when he is ordered to murder his own uncle, who has been plotting an assassination attempt against President Lincoln.

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

After Inman escapes from a war hospital in 1864 and starts walking to Cold Mountain, Ada struggles to save her mountain farm with the help of Ruby, an illiterate but efficient farmer.



On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon by Kaye Gibbons

A woman who loves the South but hates slavery goes North after the Civil War ends.

The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks

A story based on the true experiences of a Civil War heroine finds Carrie McGavock witnessing the bloodshed of the Battle of Franklin, falling in love with a wounded man, and dedicating her home as a burial site for fallen soldiers.

Savannah, or, A Gift for Mr. Lincoln by John Jakes

Sherman's army marches from Atlanta to the sea in 1864, with the city of Savannah directly in its path. This directly threatens the livelihood of widow Sara Lester and her twelve-year-old daughter Hattie, who struggle to save the family plantation.

Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles

Follows Adair, the daughter of modest farmers in the Missouri Ozarks, who is wrongly accused of enemy collaboration by the Union militia, as she falls in love with her interrogator and embarks on a perilous journey to find her family.

In The Fall by Jeffrey Lent

An interracial relationship between a Union soldier from Vermont and a runaway slave at the end of the Civil War initiates a haunting family legacy of war, racism, and secrets that follows three generations from the end of the Civil War to the Great Depression

My Name is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira

Traveling to Civil War-era Washington, D.C. to tend wounded soldiers and pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon, headstrong midwife Mary receives guidance from two smitten doctors and resists her mother's pleas for her to return home.

Coal Black Horse by Robert Olmstead

When Robey Childs's mother experiences a premonition about her husband, a Civil War soldier, she sends her only son to retrieve his father from the battlefield, accompanied by a horse that becomes his only companion as he makes his way through the destruction of war.

The Road from Chapel Hill by Joanna Catherine Scott

The lives and destinies of three young Southerners from vastly different backgrounds -- Eugenia Mae Spotswood, daughter of a failed aristocrat; Tom, a slave yearning for his freedom; and Clyde Bricket, a farm boy responsible for Tom's capture--intertwine in the Civil War South.

Fires of Pride by William Trotter

Chronicles events of the Civil War in the South following the disaster at Gettysburg, focusing on the clash between Union and Confederate ironclads that not only affected the outcome of the war, but changed the course of warfare.

