

A COUNTRY DIVIDED: THE CIVIL WAR IN BOOKS

Second Sight

YA Blackwood

In Washington, D.C., during the last days of the Civil War, a teenage boy who performs in a mind reading act befriends a clairvoyant girl whose frightening visions foreshadow an assassination plot.

The Red Badge of Courage

Crane (Adult Fiction)

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.



Annie, Between The States

YA Elliot

Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home.

SweetSmoke

Fuller (Adult Fiction)

Compromising his position as a favored slave in 1862 Virginia, talented carpenter Cassius investigates the murder of a close friend and finds an unexpected ally in field worker Quashee, an effort that earns the enmity of his master.



Josephine

YA Jenkins

Josephine is a young woman with a sassy look and sharp tongue, especially where flirtatious Adam Morgan is concerned, but when Adam returns home wounded from the War Between the States, Jojo can't deny her growing feelings for him.

The Totally Made-up Civil War Diary of Amanda MacLeish

J Mills

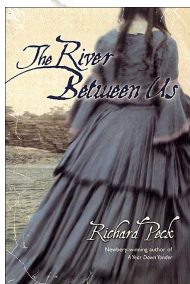
While dealing with her parents' separation and her best friend's distance, Amanda is able to work out some of her anxiety through her fifth-grade project--writing a diary from the point of view of a ten-year-old girl whose brothers fight on opposite sides in the Civil War.

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Riot

YA Myers

In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City.



The River Between Us

YAPeck

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

J Philbrick

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Leigh Ann's Civil War

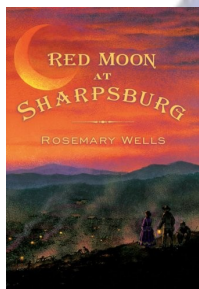
YA Rinaldi

Recounts the experiences of a spunky young girl, just eleven when the Civil War breaks out, as she watches her brothers go to war, helps care for her mentally ill father, and falls in love with a boy determined to be a soldier. Includes historical notes.

Juliet's Moon

YA Rinaldi

In Missouri in 1863, twelve-year-old Juliet Bradshaw learns to rely on herself and her brother, a captain with Quantrill's Raiders, as she sees her family home burned, is imprisoned by Yankees, and then kidnapped by a blood-crazed Confederate soldier.



Red Moon at Sharpsburg

YA Wells

Finding courage she never thought she had, a young Southern girl musters the strength and wit to survive the ravages of the Civil War and keep her family together through it all.

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