

Divided Against Itself: Books About the Civil War

Evvy's Civil War

YA Brenaman

In Virginia in 1860, on the verge of the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Evvy chafes at the restrictions that her society places on both women and slaves.

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: An Episode of the American Civil War

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.

He Will Go Fearless

YA Lawlor

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

Time's Memory

YA Lester

Ekundayo, a Dogon spirit from Africa, inhabits the body of a young African American slave on a Virginia plantation, where he experiences various emotions in the months preceding the Civil War.

Letters from a Slave Boy: The Story of Joseph Jacobs

YA Lyons

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 during the Gold Rush.

Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War

YA Paulsen

Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.

The River between Us

YA Peck

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 Last Silk Dress

YA Rinaldi

During the Civil War, Susan finds a way to help the Confederate Army and uncovers a series of mysterious family secrets.

Sarah's Ground

YA Rinaldi

In 1861, eighteen-year-old Sarah Tracy, from New York State, comes to work at Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington, where she tries to protect the safety and neutrality of the site during the Civil War, and where she encounters her future husband, Upton Herbert.

The Land

YA Taylor

After the Civil War, Paul, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between the two worlds of colored folks and white folks as he pursues his dream of owning land of his own.