

## Civil War Book List

**Directions:** Please select one civil war book from the list below. (Annotations from <http://lclms.mackin.com>)

***Killer Angels*** by Michael Shaara

**Annotation:**

A fictional account of four days in July, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg discussing tactics, plans and preparations for battle from both the Northern and Southern points of view.

***Gods and Generals*** by Jeff Shaara

**Annotation:**

Traces the lives, passions, and careers of great military leaders from the first gathering clouds of the Civil War.

***The Last Full Measure*** by Jeff Shaara

**Annotation:**

Follows the course of the third year of the Civil War through the eyes of Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and Joshua Chamberlain.

***In My Father's House*** by Ann Rinaldi

**Annotation:**

For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house

***Annie, Between the States*** by L. M. Elliott

**Annotation:**

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.

***Lightning Time*** by Douglas Russ

**Annotation:**

Fourteen-year-old Theodore Worth struggles with the decision to leave his home in Boston and join the controversial abolitionist John Brown in the fight against slavery.

***The Long Road to Gettysburg*** by Jim Murphy

**Annotation:**

Describes the events of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863 as seen through the eyes of two actual participants. Includes photographs, line drawings, engravings, and maps.

***Thunder at Gettysburg*** by Patricia Le Gauch

**Annotation:** Fourteen-year-old Tillie becomes involved in the tragic battle of July 1-3, 1863.

*Antietam: A Day of Courage and Sorrow* by Sarah Elder Hale

**Annotation:**

Describes the brutal battle of Antietam during the Civil War focusing on its enormous number of casualties and how this front became a turning point in the war. Discusses military leaders from the Union and the Confederacy, battle artillery, Clara Barton, and concludes with "pieces from the past."

*Nowhere to Turn: young heroes of history* by Alan Kay

**Annotation:**

In 1862, having left his uncle's farm in Pennsylvania to join the Union Army, twelve-year-old Thomas experiences the bloody horror of the Battle of Antietam.

*The Night Riders of Harpers Ferry (White Mane Kids)* by Kathleen Ernst

**Annotation:**

During the Civil War, a seventeen-year-old Union soldier must adjust to army life, with the additional complications peculiar to the region where the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers come together at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

*The Soldier Boys Discovery (Bonnetts and Bugles)* by Gilbert Morris

**Annotation:**

Jeff Majors is a drummer in the Confederate Army, but war is only one of his worries as he watches an escaped Yankee vying for the affections of his friend Leah and struggles with forgiveness for Lucy, a traitor.

*March* by Geraldine Brooks

**Annotation:**

Union Chaplain March writes encouraging letters home to his daughters about the Civil War. He conceals from them the violence and brutality even in the Union Army as well as the horrors of slavery. March also hides his growing love for a beautiful and intelligent slave and he returns home an utterly transformed person.

*In My Father's House* by Ann Rinaldi

**Annotation:**

For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house.

*The Last Silk Dress* by Ann Rinaldi

**Annotation:**

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

*A Killing at Balls Bluff* by Michael Kilian

**Annotation:**

While secret service agent Harrison Raines guards President Lincoln's closest friend, Colonel Baker, the colonel is murdered by a Confederate soldier and Raines is accused of the killing.