

Civil War Era Reading List

Texts, Syntheses, and Overviews

1. Howe, Daniel Walker. *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*
2. Wilentz, Sean. *The Rise of American Democracy*.
3. McPherson, James. *The Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*.
4. Perman, Michael, ed. *Major Problems in the Civil War and Reconstruction*.
5. Beringer, Richard, Herman Hattaway, Archer Jones, and William N. Still, Jr. *Why the South Lost the Civil War*.
6. Hattaway, Herman and Archer Jones. *How the North Won*

Antebellum Market and Infrastructure

7. Stokes, Melvin and Stephen Conway. *The Market Revolution in America: Social, Political and Religious Expressions, 1800-1880*.
8. Aldrich, Mark. *Death Rode the Rails: American Railroad Accidents and Safety, 1828-1965*.
9. Taylor, George Rogers. *The Transportation Revolution, 1815-1860*
10. *Wilentz, Sean. *Chants Democratic: New York City and the Rise of the American Working Class, 1788-1850*.
11. Ryan, Mary P. *Cradle of the Middle Class: The Family in Oneida County, New York, 1790-1865*.
12. Woodman, Harold. *King Cotton & His Retainers: Financing and Marketing the Cotton Crop of the South, 1800-1925*.
13. Wright, Gavin. *The Political Economy of the Cotton South: Households, Markets, and Wealth in the Nineteenth Century*.
14. Zboray, Ron. "Antebellum Reading and the Ironies of Technology Innovation."
15. Zboray, Ron. "The Transportation Revolution and Antebellum Book

Distribution, Reconsidered.”

The Impending Crisis: Antebellum Politics, the Sectional Crisis, and the Problem of Slavery

16. Anbinder, Tyler. Nativism and Slavery: The Know-Nothings and the Politics of the 1850s.
17. Woordworth, Steven. Manifest Destinies: America’s Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War.
18. Silbey, Joel H. *The American Political Nation, 1838-1893*.
19. Borritt, Gabor, ed. *Why the War Came*.
20. Davis, David Brion. *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution, 1770-1823*.
21. Davis, David Brion. *The Slave Power Conspiracy and the Paranoid Style*.
22. Dew, Charles. *Apostles of Disunion: Southern Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War*.
23. Donald, David Herbert. *Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War*.
24. Foner, Eric. *Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the Republican Party before the Civil War*.
25. Foner, Eric. *Politics and Ideology in the Age of the Civil War*.
26. Guelzo, Allen. *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*.
27. Hahn, Steven. *The Political Worlds of Slavery and Freedom*.
28. Levine, Bruce. *Half Slave, Half Free: The Roots of the Civil War*.
29. Potter, David M. and Fehrenbacher, Don Edward. *The Impending Crisis: 1848-1861*.
30. Richards, Leonard L. *The Slave Power: The Free North and Southern Domination*.
31. Stamp, Kenneth. *The Causes of the Civil War*.
32. Varon, Elizabeth. *Disunion!: The Coming of the American Civil War*,

1789-1859

33. Baker, Jean H. *Affairs of Party: The Political Culture of Northern Democrats in the Mid-Nineteenth Century.*
34. Freehling, William. *The Road to Disunion, Vols. I and II.*
35. Freehling, William. *Prelude to Civil War: The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina, 1816-1836.*
36. Fehrenbacher, Don Edward. *Slavery, Law, and Politics: The Dred Scott Case in Historical Perspective.*
37. Gienapp, William. *The Origins of the Republican Party, 1852-1856.*
38. Holt, Michael. *The Political Crisis of the 1850s.*
39. Oakes, James. "From Republicanism to Liberalism: Ideological Change and the Crisis of the Old South."
40. Holt, Michael. *The Rise and Fall of the American Whig Party: Jacksonian Politics and the Onset of the Civil War.*
41. Howe, Daniel Walker. *The Political Culture of the American Whigs.*
42. Guelzo, Allen. *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America.*

Abolitionism

43. Mayor, Henry. *All on Fire: William Lloyd Garrison and the Abolition of Slavery.*
44. Jeffery, Julie Roy. *The Great Silent Army of Abolitionism: Ordinary Women in the Abolition Movement*
45. Melish, Joanne. *Disowning Slavery: Gradual Emancipation and Race in New England, 1780-1860.*
46. Newman, Richard. *The Transformation of American Abolitionism.*
47. Oates, Stephen. *To Purge this Land with Blood: A Biography of John Brown.*
48. Reynolds, David. *John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War, and Seeded Civil Rights.*

49. Stauffer, John. *Giants: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*.
50. Stauffer, John. *The Black Hearts of Men: Radical Abolitionists and the Transformation of Race*.
51. Walters, Ronald G. *The Antislavery Appeal: American Abolitionism after 1830*.
52. Bender, Thomas, Jon Ashworth, David Brion Davis, and Thomas J. Haskell. *The Antislavery Debate: Capitalism and Abolitionism as a Problem in Historical Interpretation*
53. Oates, Stephen. *Our Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln, John Brown, and the Civil War Era*.

Antebellum Reform

54. Dorsey, Bruce. *Reforming Men and Women: Gender in the Antebellum City*.
55. Mintz, Steven. *Moralists and Modernizers: America's Pre-Civil War Reformers*.
56. Tyrell, Ian. "Women and Temperance in Antebellum America, 1830-1860."
57. Abzug, Robert H. *Cosmos Crumbling: American Reform and Religious Imagination*.
58. Walters, Ronald G. *American Reformers, 1815-1860*.
59. Hewitt, Nancy A. *Women's Activism and Social Change: Rochester, NY 1822-1872*
60. Ginzberg, Lori. *Women and the Work of Benevolence: Morality, Politics and Class in Nineteenth Century United States*
61. Ginzberg, Lori. *Women in Antebellum Reform*.

The Second Great Awakening

62. Cross, Whitney. *The Burned-Over District: The Social and Intellectual History of Enthusiastic Religion in Western New York, 1800-1850.*
63. Hatch, Nathan. *The Democratization of American Christianity.*
64. Johnson, Paul E. and Sean Wilentz. *The Kingdom of Matthias: A Story of Sex and Salvation in 19th Century America.*
65. Heyrman, Christine Leigh. *Southern Cross: The Origins of the Bible Belt.*
66. Robateau, Albert J. *Slave Religion: The "Invisible Institution" in the Antebellum South.*

Gender in the 19th Century

67. Halttunen, Karen. *Confidence Men and Painted Women: A Study of Middle Class Culture in America, 1830-1870.*
68. Cohen, Patricia Cline. *The Murder of Helen Jewett.*
69. Stansell, Christine. *City of Women: Sex and Class in New York, 1789-1860.*
70. Lebsack, Suzanne. *The Free Women of Petersburg: Status and Culture in a Southern Town, 1784-1860.*
71. Rotundo, E. Anthony. *American Manhood.*
72. Carnes, Mark and Clyde Griffin. *Meanings for Manhood: Constructions of Masculinity in Victorian America.*
73. Carnes, Mark. *Secret Ritual and Manhood in Victorian America.*
74. Varon, Elizabeth. *We Meant to be Counted: White Women & Politics in Antebellum Virginia.*
75. Welter, Barbara. "The Cult of True Womanhood."
76. Rosenberg, Carol Smith. *Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America*
77. Greenberg, Amy. *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American*

Empire.

The Slave South

78. Thornton, John. *Africa and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1400-1800*
79. Berlin, Ira. *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America.*
80. Morrison, Michael A. *Slavery and the American West: The Eclipse of Manifest Destiny and the Coming of the Civil War.*
81. McCurry, Stephanie. *Masters of Small Worlds.*
82. McWhiney, Grady and Perry Jamieson. *Attack and Die: Civil War Military Tactics and the Southern Heritage.*
83. Brown, Bertram Wyatt. *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South.*
84. Davis, David Brion. *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Revolution, 1770-1823.*
85. Engerman, Stanley. *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Slavery.*
86. Faust, Drew Gilpin. *James Henry Hammond and the Old South: A Design for Mastery.*
87. Faust, Drew Gilpin. *A Sacred Circle: The Dilemma of the Intellectual in the Old South, 1840-1860.*
88. Fox-Genovese, Elizabeth. *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South.*
89. Genovese, Eugene. *Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made.*
90. Greenberg, Kenneth. *Honor & Slavery*
91. Stevenson, Brenda E. *Life in Black and White: Family and Community in the Slave South.*
92. Eltis, David. *The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas.*

93. Kulikoff, Alan. *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800.*
94. McWhiney, Grady. *Cracker Culture: Celtic Ways in the Old South.*
95. Oakes, James. *The Ruling Race: The History of American Slaveholders.*
96. Deyle, Stephen. *Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life.*
97. Elkins, Stanley. *Slavery: A Problem in American Institutional and Intellectual Life.*
98. Gudmestad, Robert H. *A Troublesome Commerce: The Transformation of the Interstate Slave Trade.*
99. Kolchin, Peter. "American Historians and Antebellum Southern Slavery, 1959-1984."
100. McCurry, Stephanie. "The Two Faces of Republicanism: Gender and Proslavery Politics in Antebellum South Carolina."
101. Scarborough, William Kaufman. *Masters of the Big House: Elite Slaveholders of the Mid-Nineteenth Century South.*
102. Parish, Peter J. *Slavery: History and Historians.*
103. Smith, Mark M. *Mastered by the Clock: Time, Slavery, and Freedom in the American South.*
104. Stamp, Kenneth. *The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Antebellum South.*
105. Baptist, Edward E. *Creating an Old South: Middle Florida's Plantation Frontier Before the Civil War.*
106. Ford, Lacy K. *Origins of Southern Radicalism: the South Carolina Upcountry, 1800-1860.*
107. Owsley, Frank Lawrence. *Plain Folk of the Old South.*
108. Dew, Charles. *Apostles of Disunion: Southern Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War.*
109. Hahn, Steven. *The Political Worlds of Slavery and Freedom.*

110. Oakes, James. *Slavery and Freedom: An Interpretation of the Old South*.
111. Fehrenbacher, Don E. *The Slaveholding Republic: An Account of the United States Government's Relations to the Slavery*.

The Experience of Slavery

112. Morgan, Phillip. *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry*.
113. Camp, Stephanie. *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women and Everyday Resistance*.
114. Starobin, Robert S. *Industrial Slavery in the Old South*.
115. Schwartz, Marie Jenkins. *Birthing a Slave: Motherhood and Medicine in the Antebellum South*.
116. Fett, Sharla. *Working Cures: Healing, Health and Power in the Southern Slave Plantation*.
117. Schwartz, Marie Jenkins. *Born in Bondage: Growing Up Enslaved in the Antebellum South*.
118. Dusi Berre, William. *Them Dark Days: Slavery in the American Rice Swamps*.
119. Berlin, Ira. *Slaves without Masters: The Free Negro in the Antebellum South*.
120. Blassingame, John W. *The Slave Community: Plantation Life in the Antebellum South*.
121. White, Deborah Gray. *Ar'n't I a Woman? Female Slaves in the Plantation South*.
122. Gutman, Herbert George. *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925*
123. Genovese, Eugene. *From Rebellion to Revolution: Afro-American Slave Revolts in the Making of the Modern World*.

124. Patterson, Orlando. *Slavery and Social Death: A Comparative Study*.
125. Oates, Stephen. *Fires of Jubilee: Nat Turner's Fierce Rebellion*.
126. Johnson, Walter. *Soul by Soul: Life inside the Antebellum Slave Market*.
127. Levine, Lawrence. *Black Culture and Black Consciousness: Afro-American Folk Thought from Slavery to Freedom*.
128. Rediker, Marcus. *The Slave Ship: A Human History*.

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The Homefront: Politics, Economics, and Culture

129. Bernstein, Iver. *The New York City Draft Riots: Their Significance in American Society and Politics in the Age of the Civil War*.
130. Davis, William C. *A Government of Our Own: The Making of the Confederacy*.
131. McCurry, Stephanie. *Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South*.
132. DeRosa, Marshall. *The Confederate Constitution of 1861: An Inquiry into American Constitutionalism*.
133. Wills, Garry. *Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America*.
134. Neely, Mark. *The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties*.
135. Neely, Mark. *Southern Rights: Political Prisoners and the Myth of Confederate Constitutionalism*.
136. Guelzo, Allen. *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*.
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138. Rable, George. *The Confederate Republic: A Revolution against Politics*.
139. Fredrickson, George. *The Inner Civil War: Northern Intellectuals in the Crisis of the Union*.

140. Rose, Ann. *Victorian America and the Civil War*.
141. Sutherland, Daniel, ed. *Guerillas, Unionists, and Violence on the Confederate Homefront*.
142. Faust, Drew Gilpin. *The Creation of Confederate Nationalism: Ideology and Identity in the Civil War South*.
143. O'Brien, Patrick. *The Economic Effects of the American Civil War*.

Gender

144. Attie, Jean. *Patriotic Toil: Northern Women and the American Civil War*.
145. Whites, Leanne. *The Civil War as a Crisis of Gender*.
146. Clinton, Catherine and Nina Silber, eds. *Divided Houses: Gender and the Civil War*.
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148. Berry, Stephen. *All That Makes a Man: Love and Ambition in the Civil War South*.
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150. Rable, George. *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism*.
151. Marten, James. *The Children's Civil War*.

Civil War Medicine

152. Rutkow, Ira. *Bleeding Blue and Gray: Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine*.**
153. Cunningham, H. H. *Doctors in Gray: The Confederate Medical Service*.
154. Cunningham, H. H. *Field Medical Services at the Battle of Manassas*.
155. Adams, Charles W. *Doctors in Blue: The Medical History of the Union Army*.
156. Dean, Eric. *Shook Over Hell: Post Traumatic Stress, Vietnam, and the*

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157. Lande, R. Gregory. *Madness, Malingering and Malfeasance: The Transformation of Psychiatry and the Law in the Civil War Era.***
158. Bollett, Alfred J. *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs.***
159. Schmidt, James M. and Guy Hasegawa. *Years of Change and Suffering: Modern Perspectives on Civil War Medicine.*

Military Histories and Experiences of War

160. Faust, Drew Gilpin. *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*
161. O'Leary, Cecilia Elizabeth. *To Die For: The Paradox of American Patriotism.*
162. Coddington, Edwin. *The Gettysburg Campaign: A Study in Command.*
163. Foner, Eric. *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery.*
164. Michell, Reid. *Civil War Soldiers: Their Expectations and Their Experiences.*
165. Mitchell, Reid. *The Vacant Chair: The Northern Soldier Leaves Home.*
166. Grimsley, Mark. *And Keep Moving On: The Virginia Campaign, May-June 1864.*
167. Murfin, James. *The Gleam of Bayonets: The Battle of Antietam and Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign, September 1862.*
168. Gallagher, Gary. *The Union War.*
169. Gallagher, Gary. *The Confederate War.*
170. Wiley, Bell I. *The Life of Billy Yank: The Common Soldier in the Union Army.*
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172. Donald, David Herbert, ed. *Why the North won the Civil War.*
173. Borritt, Gabor, ed. *Why the Confederacy Lost.*
174. Borritt, Gabor, ed. *Lincoln's Generals.*

175. Blair, William. *Virginia's Private War: Feeding Body and Soul in the Confederacy, 1861-1865.*
176. Burton, William L. *Melting Pot Soldiers: The Union's Ethnic Regiments.*
177. Griffith, Paddy. *Battle Tactics of the Civil War.*
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179. McPherson, James. *For Cause and Comrades.*
180. Lindermann, Gerald. *Embattled Courage: The Experience of Combat in the American Civil War.*
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182. Sweet, Timothy. *Traces of War: Poetry, Photography and the Crisis of the Union.*
183. Woodworth, Steven E. *While God is Marching On: The Religious World of the Civil War Soldiers.*
184. Hess, Earl J. *Field Armies and Fortifications in the Civil War: The Eastern Campaigns, 1861-1864.*
185. Gallagher, Gary, ed. *The Richmond Campaign of 1862: The Peninsula & The Seven Days.*
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187. Manning, Chandra. *What this Cruel War was Over: Soldiers, Slavery and the Civil War.*

The African-American Experience during the Civil War

188. Blight, David. *Frederick Douglass' Civil War: Keeping Faith in Jubilee.*
189. Humphreys, Margaret. *Intensely Human: The Health of the Black Soldier in the American Civil War.*
190. Glatthaar, Joseph. *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers.*
191. Trudeau, Noah Andre. *Like Men of War: Black Troops in the Civil War, 1862-1865.*

192. Wilson, Keith P. *Campfires of Freedom: The Camp Life of Black Soldiers During the Civil War.*
193. Reid, Richard W. *Freedom for Themselves: North Carolina's Black Soldiers in the Civil War Era.*
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Reconstruction

195. Benedict, Michael Les. *A Compromise of Principle: Congressional Republicans and Reconstruction, 1863-1869.*
196. Rosen, Hannah. *Terror in the Heart of Freedom: Citizenship, Sexual Violence, and the Meaning of Race in the Postemancipation South.*
197. Hunter, Tera. *To 'Joy My Freedom: Southern Black Women's Lives and Labors after the Civil War.*
198. Schwalm, Leslie A. *A Hard Fight for We: Women's Transition from in South Carolina.*
199. Glymph, Thavolia. *Out of the House of Bondage: The Transformation of the Plantation Household.*
200. Tunnell, Ted. *Crucible of Reconstruction: War, Radicalism and Race in Louisiana.*
201. Vorenberg, Michael. *Final Freedom: The Civil War, the Abolition of Slavery, and the Thirteenth Amendment.*
202. Dailey, Jane. *Before Jim Crow: Politics of Race in Postemancipation Virginia.*
203. Donald, David Herbert. *Politics of Reconstruction, 1863-1867.*
204. Edwards, Laura. *Gendered Strife and Confusion: The Political Culture of Reconstruction.*
205. Foner, Eric. *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution.*
206. Foner, Eric. *A Short History of Reconstruction.*
207. Hahn, Steven. *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the*

Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration.

208. Scott, Rebecca. *Degrees of Freedom: Louisiana and Cuba after Slavery.*
209. Stanley, Amy Dru. *From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Emancipation.*
210. Stowell, Daniel W. *Rebuilding Zion: Religious Reconstruction of the South, 1863-1877.*
211. Woodward, C. Vann. *The Origins of the New South.*

Legacy of the Civil War

212. Connelly, Thomas L. *The Marble Man: Robert E. Lee and His Image in America.*
213. Gallagher, Gary and Alan Nolan. *The Myth of the Lost Cause and Civil War History.*
214. McConnell, Stuart. *Glorious Contentment: The Grand Army of the Republic, 1865-1900.*
215. Foster, Gaines M. *Ghosts of the Confederacy: Defeat, the Lost Cause, and the Emergence of the Lost Cause.*
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219. Savage, Kirk. *Standing Soldiers, Kneeling Slaves: Race, War and Monument in Nineteenth Century America.*
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