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THE CIVIL WAR



FICTION BOOKS

The Drinking Gourd by F. N. Monjo

The stars of the Big Dipper have led a runaway slave family to Deacon Fuller's house, a stop on the Underground Railroad. Will Tommy Fuller be able to hide the runaways from a search party—or will the secret passengers be discovered and their hope for freedom be destroyed?

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

A Virginia slave's account of how in 1849, Henry "Box" Brown, escaped to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson

The making of "Show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.

Meet Addy by Connie Rose Porter

In 1864, after her father and brother are sold to another owner, nine-year-old Addy Walker and her mother escape from their cruel life as slaves in North Carolina to freedom in Philadelphia.

The Brothers' War by Patricia Hermes

Melody and Marshall are friends and cousins, but when the Civil War breaks out, their families choose different sides, and each tells their own part in the hard choice they must make between family and politics.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Library of Congress' Timeline of the Civil War:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/tl1861.html>

PBS Images of the Civil War:

<http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/images/>

Civil War Trails

Take a look at these pivotal historical places, battlefields, and other points of interest during the Civil War.

<http://www.civilwartrails.org/>

Civil War Traveler: Ohio in the Civil War

<http://www.civilwartraveler.com/WEST/OH/index.html>

Civil War Facts

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/faq/>

Duckster's Civil War Facts and Figures

http://www.ducksters.com/history/facts_about_the_civil_war.php