

Reading List

The Civil War is such a popular subject. Thousands of books, and counting have been written about it so picking some can be overwhelming. My own home library is crammed with just about every aspect of the war you can imagine and I haven't even scratched the surface. So where to start? Here are some books that will give you the basics and then some. It's how I started. Most are in libraries and some are ebooks now. How good is that?

The Basics

Davis, Kenneth C. *Don't know Much About the Civil War*. Perennial: An Imprint of Harper Collins Publishers: 2004.

Gaffney, Dennis and Gaffney, Peter. *The Civil War*. Hyperion: New York: 2011.

Ward, Geoffrey C. *The Civil War: An Illustrated History*. Based on a documentary film script by Geoffrey C. Ward, Ric Burns, and Ken Burns. Alfred A. Knopf: New York, 1989. (A beautiful big book. If you want to see it come to life, watch Ken Burns film series, "The Civil War.")

About Spies

Winkler, H. Donald. *Stealing Secrets: How a Few Daring Women Deceived Generals, Impacted Battles, and Altered The Course of the Civil War*. Cumberland House, 2010.

Markle, Donald E. *Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War*.

Hippocrene Books, New York: 2000.

Mackay, James. *Allan Pinkerton: The Eye Who Never Slept*. Mainstream Publishing: Edinburg and London: 1996.

Van Doren Stern, Philip. *Secret Missions of the Civil War*. Bonanza Books: New York: 1959.

Blackman, Ann. *Wild Rose: Rose O'Neale Greenhow, Civil War Spy*. Random House Publishing Group. New York: 2005.

Varon, Eliazbeth R. *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy*.

Oxford University Press, 2003.

Kline, Michael J. *The Baltimore Plot: The First Conspiracy to Assassinate Abraham Lincoln*. Westholme Publishing, 2008.

Blanton, DeeAnne *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*.

Louisiana State University Press: 2002.

Pinkerton, Allan. *The Spy of the Rebellion*. G.W. Carleton & Company: New York, 1883. (A word of warning: Pinkerton wrote this book long after the war ended. He loved a good story and because many of his papers were destroyed in the Chicago fire of 1971, the rest are in the Library of Congress, you should take him with a grain of salt.)