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**Title:** If You Lived at the Time of The Civil War

**By:** Kay Moore

**Illustrated by:** Anni Matsick

**Back Cover:** “A different time…a different place…What if you were there?

If you lived at the time of the Civil War

* Would you have seen a battle?
* Did you continue to go to school?
* Was it hard to get food?

This book tells you what it was like to live at the time of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865.”

**Contents:**

Introduction

When was the Civil War fought?

How did the war start?

Why did the Southern states want to leave the Union?

Which states left the Union?

Which states stayed in the Union?

Who fought in the Northern Army?

Who fought in the Southern Army?

What was the Union Army like?

What was the Confederate Army like?

Would you have seen a battle in the North?

Would you have seen a battle in the South?

Did your home life in the North change because of the war?

Did your home life in the South change because of the war?

Did you continue to go to school in the North?

Did you continue to go to school in the South?

Was it hard to get food in the North?

Was it hard to get food in the South?

How did you entertain yourself in the North?

How did you entertain yourself in the South?

How did you support the war in the North?

How did you support the war in the South?

How did you get news from the front lines in the North?

How did you get news from the front lines in the South?

Who were the famous people you would hear about in the North?

Who were the famous people you would hear about in the South?

What words and expressions came from life in the North?

What words and expressions came from life in the South?

How did life in the North change after the war?

How did life in the South change after the war?

Place to visit

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**Title:** If You Lived When There Was Slavery in America

**By:** Anne Kamma

**Illustrated by:** Pamela Johnson

**Back Cover:** “A different time…a different place…What if you were there? If you lived when there was slavery in America

* Where did the slaves come from?
* Where did they live in America?
* What were their houses like?
* What kind of work did they do?

This book tells about the hard life that a slave faced, and how slaves found ways to overcome some of the hardships. It tells how the cruel system of slavery began – and how it ended.”

**Contents:**

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How do we know what it was like to be a slave?

Did the English use slaves when they first came to America?

Why did slavery start in America?

Were all slaves brought over from Africa?

Where did American slaves live?

What was a cabin in the Quarters like?

Where would you sleep?

Why did some cabins have tilted chimneys?

What would you wear?

What would you eat?

How did people get extra food?

Would you live with your father and mother?

What if your father belonged to another slave owner?

What would your name be?

What happened when slaves were sold?

When would you need a pass?

What happened if you didn’t have a pass?

Would you go to school?

Did some owners teach their slaves to read?

Why weren’t slaves allowed to read and write?

Were slaves punished for knowing how to read?

What kind of work did slaves do?

Did slaves have to work very hard?

Did the children have to work?

Was there time for play?

What games would you play?

How did slaves help one another?

What rule did every slave child learn?

Were slaves allowed to get married?

What was “jumping the broom”?

What was the best time of the year?

What was the first thing you’d say on Christmas Day?

How would you find out the latest news?

Why was corn shucking fun?

Were any black people free?

How could you become free?

Could you be made a slave even if you were free?

Was it dangerous to run away?

What was the Underground Railroad?

What happened during the Civil War?

What was the first thing you would do when slavery ended?

When did slavery end?

Places to Visit

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**Title:** The Abolitionist Movement

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “The story of America has unfolded over a relatively short period of time, yet it has captured the world’s imagination ever since the Pilgrims first set foot on these shores. Founded on the highest principles, and sustained through hard work, sacrifice, ingenuity, and devotion, the American legacy has been passed on from one generation to the next.”

**Glossary (Pages 42 & 43):**

**acquittal** – a judgment of not guilty

**boycott** – to refuse to purchase something, as a form of protest

**economics** – having to do with money or wealth

**emancipation** – freeing someone from the control of another person

**incited** – stirred up, moved to action

**lecturer** – someone who gives talks or speeches to groups of people

**militia** – a group of citizens trained in military techniques who serve in times of emergency

**moral suasion** – the belief that slave owners could be persuaded that slavery was immoral and should be stopped

**pamphlets** – small booklets

**plantation** – a farming estate where a large number of crops are grown for purposes of selling

**prejudice** – an opinion about a person or group (usually negative) that has no basis in fact

**racism** – the belief that a particular race is superior to another race

**ratified** – officially approved

**seceded** – withdrew or separated

**treason** – a crime against the government

**tuberculosis** – a serious disease affecting the lungs

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**Title:** Follow The Drinking Gourd

**Story and Pictures by:** Jeanette Winter

“A fine rendering of history in picture-book format.” – ***Booklist,* Starred**

“An extraordinary and inspiring tribute to a unique part of African American history.” – ***The Boston Globe***

**Back Cover:** *“Walking by night, sleeping by day, for weeks they traveled on. Sometimes berries to pick and corn to snatch, sometimes fish to catch, sometimes empty bellies to sleep on. Sometimes no stars to guide the way.”*

“Hidden in the lyrics of a simple folk song sung by slaves were directions to the escape route known as the Underground Railroad – and freedom. In glowing paintings that evoke the American folk tradition and simple text inspired by slave narratives, Jeanette Winter tells the story of one brave family who followed the stars of the Drinking Gourd – the Big Dipper – and became free at last.”

**First Line:** “Long ago, before the Civil War, there was an old sailor called Peg Leg Joe who did what he could to help free the slaves.”

**Last Line:** “They had followed the drinking gourd.”

**Vocabulary:** Civil War, plantation, gourd, quail, snatch, deed, thicket, Ohio River, Canada, Underground Railroad, weary, Quaker, Lake Erie, steamship

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**Title:** Outrageous Women of Civil War Times

**By:** Mary Rodd Furbee

**Back Cover:** “Fascinating true stories of the most amazing women in American history. They were pioneers and trailblazers, spies and ex-slaves, reformers and first ladies. They became America’s first women nurses, doctors, preachers, and voters. These *Outrageous Women of Civil War Times* braved the battlefield, fought for their rights, wrote inspiring works – and became heroines!

Among the outrageous women you’ll meet are:

**Belle Boyd** – a spy for the Confederacy who dodged a hail of bullets to deliver key information to General Stonewall Jackson

**Susan B. Anthony** – the pioneering women’s rights crusader who broke the law in order to vote for Ulysses S. Gran for president

**Clara Barton** – who cared for Civil War soldiers on the battlefield and founded the American Red Cross

**Harriet Tubman** – the runaway slave who led hundreds to freedom on the Underground Railroad”

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1. Clara Barton (1821-1912)
2. Dorothea Dix (1802-1887)
3. Harriet Tubman (1820?-1913)

**Part Three: Soldiers and Spies**

1. Belle Boyd (1844-1900)
2. Pauline Cushman (1833-1893)
3. Loreta Janeta Velazquez (1842-?)

**Part Four: The First Ladies**

1. Mary Todd Lincoln (1818-1882)
2. Varina Howell Davis (1826-1906)

Suggested Reading

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Other Outrageous Women of Civil War Times

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**Title:** A History of Us War, Terrible War 1855-1865

**By:** Joy Hakim

**Winner of the James Michener Prize in Writing**

“War, Terrible War opened a window for me. It showed the Southern and the Northern side of the war…You wrote an unputdownable book.” – **Tova Opsal, Student**

**Back Cover:** “Riveting and moving, *War, Terrible War* takes us into the heart of the Civil War, from the battle of Manassas to the battle of the Gettysburg and on to the South’s surrender at Appomattox Court House. Follow the common soldiers in blue and gray as they endure long marches, freezing winter camps, and the bloodiest battles ever fought on American soil. Off the war fields, *War, Terrible* *War* captures the passion and commitment of abolitionists and slaveowners alike in their fiery debates throughout the land. With profiles of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, John Brown, Harriet Tubman, Jefferson Davis, soldiers on both sides, slave owners, abolitionists, average citizens, and others, *War, Terrible* *War* is the compelling story of a people affected by the horrors of war during this tragic and dramatic period in *A History of US*.”

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**Title:** Bull Run

**By:** Paul Fleischman

**Winner of the 1994 Scott O’Dell Award**

**A Best Book for Young Adults (ALA)**

**A Notable Children’s Book (ALA)**

***Publishers Weekly’s* Best Books of 1993**

***The Horn Book* Fanfare List**

**Back Cover:** “In this brilliant fictional tour de force that can be read as a novel or performed as readers’ theater, Newbery Award-winning author Paul Fleischman re-creates the first great battle of the Civil War from the points of view of sixteen participants, Northern and Southern, male and female, white and black. Here are voices that tell of the dreams of glory, the grim reality, the hopes, horror, and folly of a nation discovering the true nature of war.”

“A deft, poignant novel about the early days of the Civil War…every detail here is used to great effect. From the great mass of historical material about the Civil War, and our many rather hazy ideas about it, Paul Fleischman has drawn a startling, instructive novel. His gallery of vivid characters reminds us that even the most overwhelming events are composed of the actions of individuals attempting to make sense of their times, and to shape them.” ***–The New York Times***

“Powerful…Reminiscent at times of the technique used to remarkable effect in the acclaimed PBS-TV series *The Civil War,* the novel relies on individual voices to give a human face to history. The result is at once intimate and sweeping, a heartbreaking and remarkably vivid portrait of a war that remains our nation’s bloodiest conflict… Fleischman’s artistry is nothing short of astounding. This is a tour de force that should not be missed.” – **(Starred review) –** ***Publishers Weekly***

“Fleischman selects telling incidents to reveal character and to evoke the early course of the war and its impact on ordinary people…An unusual, compelling look at the meaning of war.” **(Pointer review) –** ***The Kirkus Reviews***

“An impeccable piece of historical fiction that leaves the reader with a rich portrait of an important battle and the larger war which would follow… Fleischman has done what he does best – create a unique piece of fiction with echoes of his poetry throughout.” **(Starred review) – *The Horn Book***

“A remarkable series of vignettes…Literarily, this work stand alone in juvenile and young adult fiction.” ***–VOYA***

“Outstanding…While the individuals are fictionalized, Fleischman’s writing is so powerful that they spring to life. Unforgettable as historical fiction…an important book for every library.” **(Starred review) – *School Library Journal***

“Excellent…The book is graced with beautiful turns of phrase and a muted appreciation for the tragedy and absurdity of Bull Run, where soldiers maimed and killed one another while wealthy spectators sat enjoying picnics and champagne.” ***– The Washington Post***

**Colonel Oliver Brattle**

**Vocabulary:**  chattering, servants, Mexico, Charleston, embraced, Fort Sumter, constellations, caliper, illumination, South Carolina, Jefferson Davis, General Beauregard, allegiance, Veracruz, melancholy

**Simile –** “He caught my glance and the slimmest of smiles fled his lips, like a snake disappearing down a hole.”

**Lily Malloy**

**Vocabulary:** Minnesota, switches, enforce, spectacles, spared, Fort Sumter, gallant, surrendered, regiment, railed, Rebels, foes, thrashing, scamper, dawn, rogue

**Similes:** “Minnesota is flat as a cracker.”

“Patrick’s eyes glittered like diamonds.”

“I’ll hunt you like a wolf, and skin you line one!”

**Shem Suggs**

**Vocabulary:** kin, orphan, wayfarers, Arkansas, forlorn, Fort Sumter, Virginia, cavalry, Yankees, Lincoln, sovereign, secede

**Simile:** “I felt among family with ‘em, and forlorn as a ghost when they’d gone.”

“I just nodded my head like a wooden puppet, thinking about the newspaper instead.”

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** brethren, President Lincoln, yearned, Cincinnati, vulnerable, recruiting, clamoring, padlock, enterprise

**Flora Wheelworth**

**Vocabulary:** lupine, honeysuckle, whippoorwills, Virginia, proclaiming, Confederacy, nonilluminators, consecrated, Richmond, inscribed, beaus, taut

**James Dacy**

**Vocabulary:** Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, Washington, Boston, geysers, Worcester, Springfield, New York, thronged, Broadway, elegant, Astor House, bayonets, Philadelphia, Baltimore, brazenly, halted, disembarked, vulgarities, hurled, spectator, musket, martyr, revenge, locomotive, valiant, taunting, traitors, fury

**Toby Boyce**

**Vocabulary:** Yankee, Georgia, recruiter, scowled, fife, ambled, writhe, commenced, boldness, pluck

**Simile:** “The fife seemed to burn and writhe in my hand like the Devil’s own tail.”

“The recruiter’s eyes opened slow as a frog’s.”

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** recruiting, infantry, enlisting, despairing, resign, furrowed, fumbling, infirmities

**Virgil Peavey**

**Vocabulary:** Montgomery, locomotive, undertow, England, Yankee, tyrants, secessionist, swaddling, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, quarried, Vermont

**Similes:** “Didn’t she come charging into the station, snorting steam like a dragon!”

“My, but we ripped along like the wind!”

**Nathaniel Epp**

**Vocabulary:** Maine, Mississippi, portraits, Washington, slaughtered, Washington Monument, stench, Michigan, regiment, boisterous, brawling, Swede, reveler, mourning, commenced, brisk

**Simile:** “My heart commenced to flutter like a hummingbird.”

**Shem Suggs**

**Vocabulary:** Arkansas, Virginia, cavalry, regulation, mended, formations, sabers, wagering

**Similes:** “It was grand to see the men ride in formations, sabers straight as church steeples.”

“If the ground was too muddy, they’d race sticks in the stream, and at night they’d pluck lice from off their blankets and race those, whooping ‘em on like thoroughbreds.”

**Dietrich Herz**

**Vocabulary:** regiment, German, sauerkraut, New York, Soldier’s Aid Society, cherished

**Dr. William Rye**

**Vocabulary:** recruits, bayonet, cannoneer, amid, intently, precision, bugles, North Carolina, aroma, conspicuous, fouled, vermin, tormented, rancid, typhoid, scurvy, consolation, maim

**Lily Malloy**

**Vocabulary:** sod, dismal, glimpse, Rebel, Potomac, dissolved, vile, profiteers, Minnesota, replenished

**Toby Boyce**

**Vocabulary:** fife, commenced, trudged, regiment, Washington, Georgia, brawling, bustle, cornet, Jefferson Davis, Confederate

**James Dacy**

**Vocabulary:** render, Garibaldi Guards, emerald, Irish Brigade, New York’s French regiment, vivid, astounding, Zouaves, pantaloons, tassel, rowdies, Morocco, Pennsylvania Avenue, gawked, penchant, mayhem, synchronized, stunning, foreboding

**Simile:** “But the following day I saw Colonel Ellsworth lead them through the most difficult of drills, perfectly synchronized, faultlessly, executed, their rifles spinning at times like wheel spokes.”

**Judah Jenkins**

**Vocabulary:** invade, skulked, Potomac, dawn, steamboats, Zouaves, peered, Confederate, Marshall House Hotel, stride, intruder, straightaway, bayoneted, secession, Centreville, courier

**General Irvin McDowell**

**Vocabulary:** hitched, Potomac, Richmond, enlistments, Harpers Ferry, Beauregard, General Patterson, timid, Virginia, invade, brigadier

**Flora Wheelworth**

**Vocabulary:** bustling, idleness, irksome, Soldiers’ Friend League, ragbags, linen, procure, lint, General Beauregard, Fort Sumter, Virginia Manassas Junction, Yankees, French Louisiana, civilians, Washington, pillage, Richmond, prostrate

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** tormented, secession, Negroes, Rebels, Washington, Potomac, Ohio, strangled, loutish, scrawled

**Colonel Oliver Brattle**

**Vocabulary:** General Beauregard, strategy, Fort Sumter, forbade, offensive, defensive, Richmond, Bull Run, meandering, terrain, allure, violation, outflank, Yankees, Washington, Napoleon

**A.B. Tilbury**

**Vocabulary:** Washington, regimental, blared, fluttered, glinted bayonets, Richmond, Maine, cannoneer, Kennebec, Potomac, Centreville, wavered, canteens, joshing, bellowed, strewn, lurched, sneering

**Simile:** “The day was as hot as the hinges of Hades.”

**Carlotta King**

**Vocabulary:** Mississippi, master, lieutenant, Union, Yankees

**Simile:** “I was a young woman and fast as a fox.”

**Nathaniel Epp**

**Vocabulary:** Centreville, Rebel, traipse, plumed, satin, garb, Jefferson Davis, Colonel Sherman, rebuked, Goths, Vandals, regiments, Bull Run, Rebels, portraits, glum, chaplain

**Virgil Peavey**

**Vocabulary:** Alabama, Harpers Ferry, Virginia, fancied, General Bee, brigade, General Jackson, dreadful, Patterson’s Union troops, Winchester, Union, Beauregard, larruped, forded, Shenandoah River, Manassas Gap line, solemn, pact, commenced

**Simile:** “Twice I saw him speaking a prayer while riding a horse, his eyes blank as a statue’s.”

“Some looked as solemn as General Jackson praying.”

**General Irvin McDowell**

**Vocabulary:** terrain, commissary, squandered, Patterson, Rebels, Shenandoah, Beauregard, Eighth New York Militia, secession, bayonet, treason, Union, George Washington, hovered, Fourth Pennsylvania, encampments, bedlams, Scotsmen, soothing, serenade, *Don Pasquale*, clustered, chaplain, qualm

**Shem Suggs**

**Vocabulary:** brood, jollity, *Gulliver’s Travels,* sabers, muskets, strewn

**Simile:** “Greta was restless as a flea-bit dog, stamping her hooves and flicking her tail.”

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** regiment, groped, sprawled, rickety, Bull Run, halted, General Schenck, artillery

**Similes** “We groped slowly down the road through the darkness, men stumbling over each other like drunkards.”

“The man beside me mumbled the twenty-third psalm without end, as if it were a charm.”

**Flora Wheelworth**

**Vocabulary:** Exodus, distinct, clasped

**Edmund Upwing**

**Vocabulary:** Centreville, thrashing, Rebs, parasols, daft, Washington, spectators, commenced, Bull Run, linen, Ohio, Lincoln, McDowell, feigned

**Simile:** “’Tis a fact, solid as stone.”

“’Twas dark as Hell’s cellar when we left Washington.”

“I’d though they would sleep, but they chattered like sparrows.”

**Judah Jenkins**

**Vocabulary:** General Beauregard, Colonel Evans, courier, Yanks, dawned, musket balls, retreat, muzzle, courier, sprinted

**Dietrich Herz**

**Vocabulary:** Rebels, dawn, idled, General Hunter, stifling, Bull Run, canteens, Confederates, volley, artillery shells, sulfur, crouched, singed, ramrod, Germany

**Simile:** “Then my mind went black quick as a candle blown out.”

**Toby Boyce**

**Vocabulary:** Georgia, Lincoln, Illinois, stallions, envy, fife, endure, flasks

**Simile:** “Seeing them leave for battle, proud as stallions, filled me full of envy.”

**James Dacy**

**Vocabulary:** comrade, Union, plunging, fray, tramping, vantage, McDowell, gallantly, Confederates, regiment

**Simile:** The scene I was sketching continually changed before my eyes, like a cloud in the sky.”

**Colonel Oliver Brattle**

**Vocabulary:** General Beauregard, brigades, Bull Run, Mitchell’s Ford, brunt, Union, assault, vague, couriers, grudgingly, cherished, offensive, General Johnston, paced, fury

**A.B. Tilbury**

**Vocabulary:** shrapnel, lieutenant, lanyard, leisure, Rebels, skedaddle, Jeff Davis

**Simile:** The enemy lines had broken and the men were scattering like rabbits.”

**Dr. William Rye**

**Vocabulary:** mockingbird, tourniquets, forceps, scalpels

**Edmund Upwing**

**Vocabulary:** Virginia, Chesapeake Bay, squinted

**Simile:** “’Tis a fact, bright as brass.”

**Virgil Peavey**

**Vocabulary:** perishing, mascot, calculated, scurried, regiment, Sherman, vices, General Bee, glared, perched, blasphemy

**Similes:** “Jack, our mascot, a brave little bulldog, snapped at the bullets as if they were flies.”

“We formed a new line, but the shells and bullets fell upon us thick as rain.”

“He stands there like a damned stone wall!”

**Dietrich Herz**

**Vocabulary:** envy, tuft

**Similes:** “I felt heavy and numb as a millstone.”

**Carlotta King**

**Vocabulary:** kerchief, shucked, Confederacy

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** brigade, decoys, McDowell, comrades, Union

**Judah Jenkins**

**Vocabulary:** Manassas Junction, General Smith, regiment, Shenandoah, stragglers, quickstep

**Simile:** “The general say the stragglers on the road, bleeding, crying for water, limping along or running for home like madmen.”

**A.B. Tilbury**

**Vocabulary:** canister, shrapnel, artillery, commenced, crouched, savages, Union, kin, infantry, protested, McDowell, Captain Griffin, Rebels, Major Barry, volley

**Shem Suggs**

**Vocabulary:** mounted, Yanks, Jeb Stuart, colonel, duds, silk, sash, spurs, buckskin, plume, Zouaves, gaudier, bayonet, gawked

**General Irvin McDowell**

**Vocabulary:** flanking, succeeded, superbly, Confederacy, Beauregard, lull, artillery, infantry, cavalry, slaughtered, Rebels, comrades, General Patterson

**Simile:** “Then I watched it give way like a dam.”

**Toby Boyce**

**Vocabulary:** whittled, Georgia, peddlers, Yankee, chafed

**Simile:** “I’d stare like the rest, quiet as a clam.”

**James Dacy**

**Vocabulary:** avalanche, Union, ammunition, feverishly, regiments, ceased, vast, disdainful, throng, New York, tumult

**Colonel Oliver Brattle**

**Vocabulary:** General Beauregard, resolve, flee, President Davis, Richmond, astounding, muskets, ammunition

**Edmund Upwing**

**Vocabulary:** Rebels, Black Horse Cavalry, bellowed, fugitive, caravan, halted, tangle, Custer, destined

**Similes:** “Those on foot rushed around us like an April torrent.”

“They were bloody, dusty, and wild-eyed as wolves.”

**Carlotta King**

**Vocabulary:** Union, Bull Run

**Similes:** “My heart dropped like a bucket down a well.”

“A while later the master’s friends came up the road, hootin’ and carryin’ on over the victory, noisy as jays.”

**Dietrich Herz**

**Vocabulary:** regiment, pleaded, bounded, seamstress, plunderer

**Shem Suggs**

**Vocabulary:** Washington, perched, gnawed, afrenzy, hardtack, canteen, spade

**Simile:** “Others were under the guns they’d been hauling, crushed to death or squealing like pigs.”

**Nathaniel Epp**

**Vocabulary:** Centreville, serenade, Richmond, baffled, portraits, stroll, flee, Rebels

**Dr. William Rye**

**Vocabulary:** Richmond, sprawled, groaning, chloroform, amputated, stench, detachment, cavalry, pommels, retched

**Gideon Adams**

**Vocabulary:** plodded, abandoned, artillery, ammunition, knapsacks, mounds, Ohio, repelled, regiment, Rebels, vow, dismal

**Toby Boyce**

**Vocabulary:** griped, Arkansas, snatched, souvenir, scurried, Bull Run, Union, Yank, Georgia

**Edmund Upwing**

**Vocabulary:** muck, misery, retreat, Washington, trudged, sodden sullen, vats, famished, staggering, Jeff Davis, Beauregard, Lincoln, McDowell, Horace Greeley, secede, Richmond, Rebels, fickle

**Flora Wheelworth**

**Vocabulary:** settee, ghastly, Yankees, solicitude, slumber, cease, moaned, Union, German, clutched, ordeal

**Lily Malloy**

**Vocabulary:** Union, mourned, wailed, smug, granite, Bull Run, yearned, fancied

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**Title:** Dear Austin Letters from the Underground Railroad

**By:** Elvira Woodruff

“Rich in adventure, mystery, and suspense.” – ***School Library Journal***

**Back Cover:**

*“Dear Austin,*

 *I reckon you’re going to be anxious about what I’m about to do. If ever I neede your advice, Austin, it’s now.”*

“The year is 1853, and eleven-year-old Levi Ives can’t wait to join his brother, Austin, on the family claim out west. But for now, Levi is stuck back in Pennsylvania, writing to Austin and stirring up trouble with his friends Jupiter and Possum.

 The tragedy strikes, Jupiter’s younger sister, Darcy, disappears, and all signs point to a horrifying explanation: slave catchers. Without telling a soul, Levi and Jupiter set out on a perilous journey into the Deep South – not as master and slave, as some will assume, but as two terrified friends, desperate to find little Darcy before it’s too late.”

**May 6, 1853 (Pages 1 - 5)**

**Vocabulary:** Oregon, Pennsylvania, consumption, palpitations, britches, territories, creed

**May 13, 1853 (Pages, 6 – 14)**

**Vocabulary:** bulls, territories, astonishment, possession, dreaded, ruckus, sassy, orchard, chores, muck, stalls, commotion, ruminate, mourning

**Simile:** “The bull was standing in the pasture as calm as a turtle on a rock when Jupiter, Possum, and I sneaked up behind him.”

**May 21, 1853 (Pages 15 – 19)**

**Vocabulary:** hardtack, harness, cough elixir, warts, mucking, stalls, churning, nightingale, commenced, plucking, despise, Maryland, lantern, torturous

**May 26, 1853 (Pages 20 – 22)**

**Vocabulary:** grim, creed, misery, offense, burdened, prissy

**Simile:** “The moon was big and bright enough to light our way, and the pine needles on the ground felt soft as a carpet under out bare feet.”

**June 2, 1853 (Pages 23 – 31)**

**Vocabulary:** comfrey, poultice, collared, starched, pomade, lard, looking glass, clenched, waver, pouty, Pennsylvania, britches, cooed, withering, gloat, camphor, concoction, hayloft, daredevil

**June 8, 1853 (Pages 32 – 38)**

**Vocabulary:** clenched, britches, hayloft, rafters, whittling, squinted, concoctions, nightingale

**Simile:** “He shot down like a bullet to the bottom, and was pretty shook up when he surfaced, but Possum and I got ahold of him and helped him to the bank.”

**June 16, 1853 (Pages 39 – 41)**

**Vocabulary:** tuckered, bullrakes, honorary, remedy, affliction, dignified

**July 15, 1853 (Pages 42 – 44)**

**Vocabulary:** elderberries, Pennsylvania, pleading, flapjacks, handkerchief, lard, plump

**July 20, 1853 (Pages 45 – 48)**

**Vocabulary:** rock candy, Richmond, iron horse, plantation, remedy, flask

**July 23, 1853 (Pages 49 – 52)**

**Vocabulary:** Harriet Tubman, Underground Railroad, hayloft, whittling, jabbering, rafters

**July 26,1853 (Pages 53 – 54)**

**Vocabulary:** whittling, hayloft, Underground Railroad, slingshot

**July 30, 1853 (Pages 55 – 62)**

**Vocabulary:** slinking, contestants, molasses, linsey-woolsey, buttercups, frayed, pondering, shooing, decent, rebuke

**August 3, 1853 (Pages 63 – 64)**

**Vocabulary:** hayloft, commence, whittling

**August 15, 1853 (Pages 65 – 69)**

**Vocabulary:** flask, remedy, taffy pull, stowed, creed, hatchet, swig, shuddered, burrows

**August 20, 1853 (Pages 70 – 73)**

**Vocabulary:** plucking, orchard, blacksmith, riffraff, riled, hayloft, whittling, bale, nightingale

**Simile:** “Darcy’s stick is leaning on a bale of hay where Jupiter left it, the little nightingale sitting atop it as silent as a stone.”

**September 9, 1853 (Pages 74 – 75)**

**Vocabulary:** mulberry, kindling

**September 10, 1853 (Pages 76 – 81)**

**Vocabulary:** stipulation, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Canada, slingshot, flask, canteen, flint

**September 12, 1853 (Pages 82 – 84)**

**Vocabulary:** North Carolina, barge, glide, birch, licorice, chomped, sycamore

**September 1853 (Pages 85 – 88)**

**Vocabulary:** Virginia, remedy, bountiful, ailing, twilight, hollow, palpitations

**September 1853 (Pages 89 – 97)**

**Vocabulary:** Virginia, rig, corn-shuck, quill, copperhead, entrails, venom, whiff, locust, pockmarked, taunted, contentment, gargly, flask

**September 1853 (Pages 98 – 99)**

**Vocabulary:** North Carolina, Pennsylvania

**September 1853 (Pages 100)**

**Vocabulary:** chiggers

**September 1853 (Pages 101 – 110)**

**Vocabulary:** gator, swamps, vittles, peppercorn pistol, nuzzling, whiff, nudging, quivery, revolver, plantation, Maryland, pistol, Pennsylvania, Canada, Underground Railroad, stunned, auction, Philadelphia, North Star

**September 1853 (Pages 111 – 122)**

**Vocabulary:** latched, britches, stammered, auction, North Star, Underground Railroad, dawned, pleading, auctioneer, wench, canvas, stalls, trough

**September 1853 (Pages 123 – 128)**

**Vocabulary:** whittle, swamp, trembling, lash, bullwhip, shuddered, gavel, podium, trough, corn-shuck, North Carolina, axle, linger, twilight, Canada, Oregon, disposition, gooseberry pie, britches, nightingale, flutter

**May 16, 1873 (Pages 134 – 135) Twenty Year Later**

**Vocabulary:** Pennsylvania, grateful, Alabama

**Postscript**

**Vocabulary:** Alabama, Canada, hickory, dove, sparrow, delicately, nightingale

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**First Line:** “Ellen Creighton and her nine-year-old son, Jethro, were planting potatoes in the half-acre just south of their cabin that morning in mid-April, 1861; they were out in the field as soon as breakfast was over, and southern Illinois at that hour was pink with sunrise and swelling redbud and clusters of bloom over the apple orchard across the road.”

**Last Line:** “Her arms were held out to Jethro, and for that moment when he ran toward her, all the shadows were lifted from the April morning.”

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** Illinois, orchard, clods, Egypt, burlap, hoisted, stride, hoe, mellow, furrow, radiance, compelling, reverberations, Calvinism, protested, vigorously, vanity, California, agonizing, fennel, chinch bugs, drought, Secession, North Pole, Pennsylvania, philosophy, physics, insufficient, typhoid fever, apathy, somber, imminence, melancholy, britches, vaguely, exasperated, reject, folly, jabbed, comeuppance, ponder, President Lincoln, vague, politics, tariffs, seceding, Union, conviction, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Confederate, American Revolution, Salamis Bay, Mexican War, War of 1812, inclination, despised, petty, prosperous, dissipate, taunting, persecuted, alleged, sullen, shunned, defiance, pleading, waver, perplexities, furrow, monotonous, clod, fragments, trudged, clambering, lilacs, poplars, picket fence, tangle, honeysuckle, hitching posts, clover, acrid, fennel, glacier, contentment, pity, basin, grime, tykes, whacked, briskly, crock, sorghum, gratitude, reserve, Kansas, amiable, aloof, gesture, fondness, earnestly, coveted, dignity, solemn, rampaging, contempt, attributes, smirked, aloofness, luxury, passive, custom, elicited, exasperated, tension, vaguely, preoccupation, torment, buoyancy, monotony, furrow

**Similes:** “She was a small, spare woman with large dark eyes and skin as brown and dry as leather.”

“War meant loud brass music and shining horses ridden by men wearing uniforms finer than any suit in the stores at Newton; it meant men riding like kings, looking neither to the right nor the left, while lesser men in perfect lines strode along with guns across their shoulder, their heads held high like horses with short reins.”

“From the fields across the creek came the monotonous shout to the filed horses; up at the house Jenny’s voice came clearly, pleasant as the sound of a little bell ringing.”

“Here huge silver poplars towered above the cabin, their roots extending like giant claws, making the ground rough and robbing it of grass.”

**Chapter 2**

**Vocabulary:** kettle, lapse, crocks, radishes, adjoining, quilt, contrast, velvet, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Confederacy, Gulf, Chicago, (Kentucky), Tennessee, puny, rebel, arrogant, tariff, industrialist, timid, tremulous, downtrodden, England, hedged, Constitution, abolitionists, Mason-Dixon line, decency, tumult, feint, parry, opponent, horse-collar, assailant, reservoir, vehement, turmoil, endured, industrialism, hypocrites, tremulous, authoritative, veered, constrained, seething, Confederates, Fort Sumter, rations, South Carolina, provisions, dawn, surrendered, incredulously, spectators, defiantly, strident, pious, telegraph, hastily, militia, clutched, winced, fatigue, cornshuck

**Chapter 3**

**Vocabulary:** Illinois, bunting, draped, virtue, prestige, eloquence, wrath, inflamed, oratory, tedium, isolation, War of 1812, quavering, baser, resolve, Bull Run, carriages, spectacle, bewildered, scurrying, sullen resentful, prophesies, hollow, britches, fiasco, stunned, boasted, bronzed, Mason-Dixon line, turmoil, chafed, spared, aloofness, Missouri, emancipator, timid, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, pursuit, aggression, tykes, chafes, profile, wage, secession, nullification, awed, desolate, blithely, tumult, wastrel, yearned, whim, bleak, concealed, somber, staggering, bayonets, silhouetted, twilight, engrossed, audible, trickled, perplexity, arrogance, endure, abruptly

**Simile:** “There was yellow gold, burned gold, and gold turning to brown; there were reds blending with browns, greens with grays, and solid browns shining like silk.”

**Chapter 4**

**Vocabulary:** Ulysses S. Grant, Tennessee, Kentucky, despairing, Bull Run, Ball’s Bluff, Wilson’s Creek, grim, Potomac, typhoid fever, stimulant, Armistice, Capitulation, surrender, propose, comrades, West Point, Essex, pantry, ironclads, Fort Henry, wanly, envy, timidly, relish, admonitions, detaining, plunged, trudged, annex, paisley, mantel, cupboard, utensils, obligations, chafing, vigor, flush, stern, strict, tyrannical, abruptly, twinge, allusion, Chicago, Philadelphia, optimists, hastily, sober, shuddered, involuntarily, brutal, paisley, Confederate, Mississippi, Missouri, grim, forbidding, Tennessee River, Cumberland River, Ohio, ammunition, clinched, Louisiana, dread, dispel, rebuke, vicious, justify, commenced, mimicry, descended, attainments, pompous, drawled, balefully, savored, constriction, maneuvering, distortions, wailed, acre, skepticism, scornful, burrow, spiral, snatches

**Chapter 5**

**Vocabulary:** limp, agony, deceived, beverage, appalled, pangs, ordeal, indistinct, passel, canvas, calico, fragrant, diluted, navigator, exhilarated, subsided, endurable, smirked, Pea Ridge, Arkansas, Missouri, clinches, timidly, dreariness, intertwined, desolate, precariously, loathing, burly, dissipated, belligerently, inconspicuous, parcels, oblige, amiably, astute, caustically, wryly, tumult, monotony, shrilly, twilight, grimmer, terrain, sinister, jutting, revulsion, floundered, mammoth, gumption, resonance, ravine, jagged, plunged, tethered, muttering, expended, demotion, keener

**Chapter 6**

**Vocabulary:** dawn, tensely, clutched, stands, despair, prophecy, preoccupied, lad, deny, revived, vigorous, quagmire, optimism, harnessed, frailty, furrow, rational, solitary, puny, mingled, solemn, jolt, gruffly, fury, ultimatum, Philadelphia, Illinois, defiance, tolerant, excerpts, dismayed, flourish, decency, typhoid, fervent, tranquil, amended, dissipated, furrow, glistening, heaved, sagging, fatigue, loft, plagued, ominous, raucous, ruffians, enraged, tormented, prowlers, retorted, toll, endurance, fiery, culprit, anguish, malice

**Chapter 7**

**Vocabulary:** devoted, dispel, lurked, Cairo, Illinois, furrow, subsequent, ruthlessly, waver, timidly, commenced, ailing, integrity, zeal, scuttling, smudged, squabbling, hilarity, charades, gaiety, sundry, baubles, luxury, appealed, niche, pudgy, proprietor, minced, tenacious, prowlers, wary, taunted, foes, smugness, boasting, immunity, vengeance, accomplice, provisions, vandalism, embellished, swaggering, desperado, humiliation, entrenchments, hoax, evacuate, enfeebled, shrill, rebel, remnants, prestige, blustered

**Chapter 8**

**Vocabulary:** Mississippi, Baton Rouge, Vicksburg, Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, Virginia, ebb, demoralized, desertion, trickling, faltered, Illinois, Antietam, exasperation, interspersed, anguish, hoarded, revile, contagion, brutal, tenacity, withered, hindsight, incompetence, ghastly, plummeted, obscurity, dominated, despair, shabby, appalling, slaughter, entrenched, keener, foreboding, deprived, spectacle, snuffled, futile, repulsed, casualties, wearily, travail

**Chapter 9**

**Vocabulary:** droves, swarming, forays, orchards, draft, gangrenous, gnawed, typhus, dysentery, agony, burden, contempt, desperadoes, heeded, ventured, fury, stride, insignia, kerosene lamp, loft, pantry, lantern, provoke, ancestral, diction, ridicule, sternly, antagonized, dense, harsh, tethered, decay, lank, despair, preceded, credence, defiantly, skirmish, haunch, convulsive, grimace, furrows, ruffians, scorned, seized, detection, sassafras, filched, inscription, interminable, curt, forestall, burden, reiterated, tensions, magnitude, pleaded, meddled, rustle, faltering, intrude, agonizingly, erred, forfeiture, remorse, despair, desertion, compatriots, earnestness

**Chapter 10**

**Vocabulary:** arrogant, contemptuous, onslaught, optimism, agony, massive, presumption, egotism, humility, malaria, mired, fortification, inept, besieged, verified, ruthlessness, conspiracy, pandemonium, gangrenous, delirium, monotonous, dictated, consent, convey

**Chapter 11**

**Vocabulary:** dreary, desolation, despair, chaotic, prominence, bewildering, terrain, traitor, jubilation, vivid, provender, trenches, drearily, vindictiveness, seceding, clemency, tenacity, deluded, degradation, amnesty, treason, relegated, obscurity, vicious, invective, rhetorically, blundering, betrayal, corruption, cynically, tenacity, jubilantly, retraction, siege, torpedo, paeans, preponderance, desertions, speculate, lark, regiments, despaired

**Chapter 12**

**Vocabulary:** resistance, filtering, crammed, intact, tranquil, triumphant, plundering, enraged, tenacity, vast, slogan, atrocities, loot, precision, angular, meekly, revenge, distorted, straitjackets, degradation, remote, imminence, bigots, mockery, ratified, abolished, provoked, pawns, exploiters, ranted, permeating, radiance, prophetic, delinquent, clamor, quivered, yoke, scorching, mingled, gaunt, bereft, vexed, huskily