

# American Civil War Books For Students

*My personal favorites have an asterisk \*.*

## Picture Books

- The Last Brother: A Civil War Tale by Trinka Hakes Noble
- Brave Clara Barton by Frank Murphy (beginning reader)
- Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine\*
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson
- You Wouldn't Want To Be a Civil War Soldier! by Thomas Ratliff
- If You Were a Kid During the American Civil War by Wil Mara\*
- So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom by Gary Schmidt

### *Picture Books About Abraham Lincoln*

- I Am Abraham Lincoln by Brad Metzler
- Looking at Lincoln by Maira Kalman
- Just in Time, Abraham Lincoln by Patricia Polacco
- Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters

### *Picture Books About Harriet Tubman*

- Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Weatherford\*
- I Am Harriet Tubman by Brad Metzler
- Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome\*
- A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman by David Adler

## Grades 2-4

- Civil War on Sunday (Magic Tree House series) by Mary Pope Osborne\*
- Abe Lincoln At Last (Magic Tree House series) by Mary Pope Osborne
- Freedom at the Falls (Adventures in Odyssey)
- Fido (Dog Diaries Series) by Kate Klimo
- Bell's Star (Horse Diaries Series) by Kate Klimo
- Tennessee Rose (Horse Diaries Series) by Kate Klimo
- Meet Addy by American Girl
- Welcome to Addy's World: 1864 by American Girl\*
- Who Was? Series
  - What Was the Battle of Gettysburg?
  - Who Was Clara Barton?
  - What Was the American Civil War?
  - Who Was Sojourner Truth?
  - Who Was Abraham Lincoln?

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## Grades 5+ Fiction

- Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
- Escape By Night: A Civil War Adventure by Laurie Myers
- Escape to Freedom by Barbara Brooks Simon
- Watcher in the Piney Woods by Elizabeth McDavid Jones\*
- The Riverboat Adventures Series by Lois Walfrid Johnson\* (also republished as Freedom Seekers series)
- Boys of Wartime: Will at the Battle of Gettysburg by Laurie Calkhoven
- Running Out of Night by Sharon Lovejoy
- When Will This Cruel War Be Over? by Barry Denenberg (Dear America)
- A Picture of Freedom by Patricia McKissack (Dear America)
- A Light in the Storm by Karen Hesse (Dear America)
- The War Within by Carol Matas
- Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis\*
- The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis – Post American Civil War
- Shades Of Grey by Carolyn Reeder

## Grades 5+ Non-Fiction

- The Boy's War by Jim Murphy
- Freedom Roads by Joyce Hansen
- Harriet Tubman by Ann Petry
- Lincoln's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly
- North Star to Freedom by Gina K. Gorrell\*
- They Called Themselves the KKK by Susan Campbell Bartoletti\*