

## YOUNG ADULT

**Behind Rebel Lines : the Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy** - Seymour Reit (1988) - Recounts the story of the Canadian woman who disguised herself as a man and spied for the Union.

**Bull Run** - Paul Fleischman (1993) - Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

**Secrets of a Civil War Submarine : Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley** - Sally M. Walker (2005) - Fascinating account of a manually-operated sub.

**With Every Drop of Blood** - James Lincoln Collier (1994) - While trying to transport food to Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Johnny is captured by a black Union soldier.

## MIDDLE GRADES

**Across Five Aprils** - Irene Hunt (1964) - The Creighton family of Illinois is torn when one brother joins the Confederacy and the other three enlist in the Union army.

**Civil War Cooking** - Susan Dosier (2000) - A pair of books discussing everyday life of the soldiers on each side, their cooking methods, and recipes.

**Photo by Brady : a Picture of the Civil War** - Jennifer Armstrong (2005) - Mathew Brady documented the war with remarkable photos--not an easy feat when photography was in its infancy.

**Silent Thunder** - Andrea Davis Pinkney (1999) - Siblings Summer and Rosco describe how life on the quiet plantation where they are slaves is affected by the war.

## PICTURE BOOKS

**Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad** - Pamela Duncan Edwards (1997) - In the forest, animals help a runaway slave escape his pursuers.

**B is for Battle Cry : a Civil War Alphabet** - Patricia Bauer (2009) - From Abraham Lincoln to Zouaves.

**Henry's Freedom Box** - Ellen Levine (2007) - In 1849, a Virginia slave escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

**Pink and Say** - Patricia Polacco (1994): Say Curtis met Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and they were captured by Southern troops. Based on a true story about the author's great-great-grandfather.

## FURTHER WATCHING

**The Blue & the Gray** (1982) - TV miniseries (drama, not based on the book)

**Cold Mountain** (2003) - (see book description)

**Gettysburg** (1993) - Based on *The Killer Angels*.

**The Civil War** (1990) - Ken Burns' famous documentary

**Gone With the Wind** (1939) - (see book description)

**Helmira 1864-1865** (1993) WSKG documentary about the prison camp at Elmira.

**Glory** (1989) - Story of an African-American regiment.



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# The Red Badge of Courage

by  
Stephen Crane

a short but powerful novel about a young man in the Civil War

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## JOIN US FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD**

*Registration begins*

To sign up for the bus trip (10/4), a \$20 deposit is due with registration, in person.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 25TH**

*Deadline to register for the bus trip*

The balance of \$45 is due (total amount is \$65).

**MON-FRI, 9/27 - 10/1**

**12:30pm, WPEL Radio (96.5FM)**  
*Radio Readers bring you  
The Red Badge of Courage*

Each day, listen to a segment read by a guest reader. Monday: Charles Cesaretti. Tuesday: Cornelia Page. Wednesday: Jason Legg. Thursday: Kathleen Harwood. Friday: Blaine Detweiler.

**SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD**

**10am-5pm, Old Mill Village (New Milford)**  
*Civil War Living History*

Be a part of the action in the "evacuation" through the woods. March in step with soldiers, and be charmed by the elegantly dressed ladies. Battle reenactments each day, including "aftermath" hospital scenarios.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

*Bus Trip to Gettysburg*

Trip includes transportation, a guided tour, admission to the visitor's center, lunch, and gratuities. A local history expert will also speak during the trip. The cost is \$65 per person. There will be 3 pick-up/drop-off locations: Montrose, New Milford, and Clifford (see registration sheet for details). Registration and payment deadline is 9/25.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

**9am-1pm, National Guard  
Readiness Center (New Milford )**  
**9-12, speakers; 12-1, continuing discussion**  
**Living with PTSD: A Conversation  
with a Panel of Area Care Providers**

Henry Fleming, the protagonist of *Red Badge*, most likely would be diagnosed with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) today. The Library and Literacy are partnering with the Pennsylvania National Guard, the Susquehanna County Department of Veterans' Affairs, Trehab, and other organizations to raise awareness of PTSD and the resources available to help individuals and families affected by it. Everyone is invited to this special event.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**

**7pm, St. Paul's Church Hall (Montrose)**  
**Screening: *The Red Badge of  
Courage* and *To Escape My Fate***

*The Red Badge of Courage* movie was released in 1951. It was directed by John Huston and stars Audie Murphy and Bill Mauldin. Running time is 69 minutes. *To Escape My Fate* is a teleplay about Stephen Crane's life, originally written as a play by a University of Scranton faculty member and adapted for film by a Wilkes-Barre production company. The length is 56 minutes.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

**7pm, St. Mark's Church Hall (New Milford)**  
**Panel Book Discussion**

With Dr. Kristin Sanner (Mansfield), David Elliott (Keystone), & Jan Quackenbush (local historian).

If you gave us an **email address** when you registered, we will periodically send you an update on events. Don't have email? You can sign up for free at any county library! Please also visit the website at [www.susqcolibrary.org/susqcoreads](http://www.susqcolibrary.org/susqcoreads) for information and photos.

*After our program ends, but related!*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

**7pm, Scranton Cultural Center:**  
**Lecture by Jeff Shaara**

The author of *The Killer Angels* and other Civil War novels will be speaking as part of the Lackawanna County Library System "Distinguished Lecture Series." Admission is free with a Lackawanna County library card--as a Susquehanna County cardholder, you're entitled to one.

**BEYOND THE RED BADGE**

Continue exploring some of the themes of *Red Badge* with these suggestions. All are available from the Susquehanna County Library (Montrose Main Library, Forest City Branch, Hallstead-Great Bend Branch, Susquehanna Branch, and Books-by-Mail/Books-on-Wheels.)

Stephen Crane's other works are available online, but none are as widely read as *Red Badge* and most public libraries do not have copies.

**FURTHER READING - ADULT**

*Abel Jones series* - Owen Parry (1999 - ) - *Faded Coat of Blue*, *Shadows of Glory*, *Call Each River Jordan*, *Honor's Kingdom*, *Bold Sons of Erin*. These mysteries feature a Union Army detective who solves murders during the war, with plenty of historical details.

*Andersonville* - MacKinlay Kantor (1955) - This epic account of the Confederate POW camp is told from multiple points of view, and won the Pulitzer Prize.

*The Blue and the Gray : the Story of the Civil War as Told by Participants* - edited by Henry Steele Commager. (1950) First-person accounts by soldiers and civilians.

*Cold Mountain* - Charles Frazier (1991) - A surprise best-seller, winner of the National Book Award, about a Confederate soldier who walks home after Petersburg and the struggles of the woman he's trying to rejoin.

*Gone With the Wind* - Margaret Mitchell (1936) - One of the most-read books ever. Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara goes from a privileged life to suffering and struggle, yearning after Ashley Wilkes, pursued by the dashing Rhett Butler.

*The Killer Angels* - Michael Shaara (1974) - Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel about the battle of Gettysburg. Don't miss Shaara's talk in Scranton on Nov. 15th!

*March* - Geraldine Brooks (2005) - In *Little Women*, the father of the Marches goes off to the war, but the focus is on the family at home in Concord. Here are his experiences as a Union chaplain and teacher on a cotton plantation.

*Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* - Alan Gurganus (1989) - 99-year-old Lucille Marsden looks back on her life, including her war experience and that of her husband, "Captain" Will Marsden, whom she married when he was three times her age.

*A Soldier's Book* - Joanna Higgins (1998) - The protagonist is Ira Cahill Stevens, a Union soldier from Montrose, who is captured and incarcerated in a prison camp. The author is a former resident of Little Meadows.

*Traveller* - Richard Adams (1988) - The author of *Watership Down* envisions the war as told by Lee's horse to the stable cat after the general's retirement.