

# Staff Picks



## American Civil War

The bloodiest of American wars occurred over a century and a half ago, and it profoundly changed our country. These novels tell the stories of brothers pitted against brothers, and friends against friends. Gathered here are soldiers' stories, as well as those of wives, children, the old and other civilians--everyone whose life was uprooted by the war.

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### All Other Nights

Dara Horn     Horn

Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army, struggles with difficult moral questions when he is ordered to murder his uncle, who is plotting an assassination attempt on President Lincoln.



### Broken Promises

Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman     Cobbsho

Charles Francis Adams and his son Henry embark for England on a spy mission ordered by President Lincoln. Henry's friend Baxter Sams, a Confederate student in England, meets Julia Birch, daughter of Sir Walter Birch. She is conflicted about how she feels about him being a slave owner and having brothers in the Confederate army. The Adams discover that England has built steelclad warships for the Confederacy. Readers who relish the period will appreciate Cobbs Hoffman's capable mélange of fact, the Adams narration, and the fictional young love story.



### Coal Black Horse

Robert Olmstead     Olmstea

Fourteen year old Roby Childs is sent by his mother to look for his soldier father. Wearing a coat with blue on one side and gray on the other, riding a broken down black horse, with no money or direction, he sets off on his quest. Civil War buffs will appreciate the attention to detail, general readers will be mesmerized by the journey.



### Cold mountain

Charles Frazier     Frazier

Inman, a wounded soldier, walks away from the front during the Civil War to return to his prewar sweetheart, Ada, who, along with the help of a drifter, desperately works to revive a struggling farm. 40,000 first printing. Tour. - (Baker & Taylor)

### First Assassin

John Miller     Miller

1861, Lincoln has arrived in Washington for his inauguration. Langston Bennett, a Charleston planter, puts into motion a hired psychotic killer to assassinate the "Black Republican". Colonel Charles Rock alone believes the plot exists. Portia, a beautiful runaway slave, holds the key. She must get to Washington in time. Readers who enjoyed Dara Horn's All Other Nights will also enjoy this.



### Gone with the Wind

Margaret Mitchell

Mitchell

The tumultuous romance of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler is set against the backdrop of the elegance of the antebellum South, the ravages of the Civil War and the desperate struggle of Reconstruction, in a new edition of one of the world's most famous novels. Reprint. - (*Baker & Taylor*)



Homeland

Barbara Hambly    Hambly

Two women, one Southern and one Northern, exchange letters throughout the Civil War, writing about their ordeal as well as art, books, friendship and their personal futures as well as the futures of their countries.



My Name is Mary Sutter

Robin Oliveira    Olivier

A skilled midwife travels to Civil War era Washington, D.C. to tend the wounded and pursue her dream of becoming a surgeon.

North and South

John Jakes    Jakes

When their two sons meet as West Point cadets, the southern, plantation-owning Main family and the industrialist Hazards of Pennsylvania find their lives interlocked, as the nation moves toward civil war - (*Baker & Taylor*)



Notorious Mrs. Winston

Mary MacKey    Mackey

Claire Winston, an ardent abolitionist, falls in love with her husband's nephew, a Confederate soldier. Disguised as a male soldier, she travels across the war torn country in search of him and gets drafted by John Hunt Morgan. She is swept into the guerrilla raid into Indiana and Ohio.

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