

The Boys' War

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Synopsis

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Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award (Vermont)

This contemporary classic explores the role of boys who fought in the Civil War. No reader's vision of America's most brutal and bloody war will be the same after reading this book.

“This wrenching look at our nation's bloodiest conflict through the eyes of its youthful participants serves up history both heartbreaking and enlightening.”

Publishers Weekly

Some Union and Confederate soldiers were as young as twelve when they went off to fight in the Civil War. It is thought that as many as ten to twenty percent of all Civil War soldiers may have been under sixteen.

The Boys' War follows these young soldiers through the rigors of camp life and drilling, right into the chaos of the battlefield. Jim Murphy skillfully weaves together firsthand accounts and personal letters of these countless young men with historical context to paint their portrait—“young soldiers who, either seeking escape from the drudgery of farm work or embracing fantasies of glory, participated in the Civil War.”

Handsomely produced with numerous period photographs and drawings, *The Boys' War* is a winner of the Golden Kite Award for Nonfiction and an ALA Best Book for Young Adults.

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