

The Lone Star Book Review
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Greetings to all of my many book friends. I have received questions about book quality lately so I will tell you what I know. The regular book publishers are in a fight for their lives with Amazon Books who is very monopolistic in the way that they conduct their business.

The big publishers must be very competitive; so they are taking some short cuts in book construction and still trying to maintain good quality. Here are some examples that I have observed: the cloth cover has been taken out of the picture on all books except the very expensive editions. Books are very much like automobiles in you get what you pay for. The hardcover is covered in colored paper. This paper is sometimes stamped to have a false impression of cloth.

Knopf Publishing is using the ragged edged look that is referred to as a deckled edge. This saves a step in manufacturing and labor cost to run the paper through a cutting machine. All of these changes make for nice books that are priced so that they can sell to the masses and stay in business.

The book is still good in its construction. It just doesn't compare to the construction of a hardcover collector book that is made by Schiffer Publishing. Having a hardcover book from Schiffer is like owning a Lincoln or a Cadillac as it has all of the best materials in its construction. You get what you pay for in books. These are collector books that last a lifetime and get a lot of constant use at home and in the field.

The most of the book covers now have a thin film of plastic bonded on the paper cover or dust jacket. This helps to prolong the life of the dust jacket, keep the cover clean, and also keeps the jacket cover from tearing.

University presses have limited press runs and they are in a league of their own. Their books can be very expensive and you can pay \$60-\$80 sometimes for just a paperback book from university presses. Some university press books can be very reasonably priced. There are a lot of variable factors when it comes to quality and price when dealing with university presses. That's the nature of the

university press book. I hope that I have answered your questions on book construction. Now let's get on with the book review.

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THE LONE STAR BOOK REVIEW RATING SYSTEM:

"WOW!" Rating- a book that far exceeds the current expectations of the reader. Publishers should always be striving for complete and total customer satisfaction. These are the required goals to be satisfied by any company competing in today's global marketplace.

"EXCELLENT" Rating- a book that meets all of the current expectations of the reader.

"GOOD" Rating- a book that meets the majority of the current expectations of the reader.

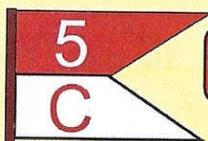
Any book that rates below a "Good" Rating is not reviewed in THE LONE STAR BOOK REVIEW as it is a total waste of my time and your consumer dollars to pursue.

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I would like to introduce you to some very good friends of mine in the book business. I have known Shelly C. Dudley for forty plus years and she is a very nice lady. Shelly is the proprietor of Guidon Books in Scottsdale, Arizona. Guidon's was started 50 years ago by Aaron and Ruth Cohen. Well time and death catches up with all of us eventually and Shelly is taking the store and its many books to new generations of readers.

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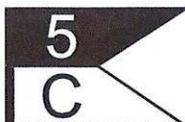


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Brushes with War: Paintings and Drawings by the Troops of World War I: The WWHAM Collection of Original Art ISBN: 978-0-7643-4634-2, Size: 12"x12", 236 images, 240 pages, hard cover, Joel R. Parkinson, \$69.99, "WOW! +" Rating

This is a "must have" book for the WW1 enthusiasts as it has military art work that is drawn by the contestants on all sides. In that art we see the great tragedy of the war as expressed by the young men who must do the fighting, killing, and dying. They just wanted to go home in one piece. It is hard to explore the corridors of the past with out coming face to face with ourselves. This is a great book as it causes us to ponder over the great cost of war and hopefully not get involved in future conflicts. Let's give Peace a chance in solving problems. I highly recommend this extraordinary book.

Rally Round the Flag—Uniforms of the Union Volunteers of 1861: The New England States ISBN: 978-0-7643-4908-2, Size: 8 ½"x11", 165 color & b/w photos, 160 pp. \$45.00, Ron Field, "WOW! +" Rating

This is a look at the Union soldiers that hailed from the New England states. Their uniforms, equipment, and weapons are discussed in this very enlightening book. This is a 'must have' book for the historian, scholar, museum curator, the American Civil War collector and enthusiasts. I never realized that the New England soldiers had so many variations in their uniforms, equipment, and weapons compared to the rest of the Union armies. This will make a very nice gift for the Holidays.

Days of Perfect Hell: October—November 1918, The U.S. 26th Infantry Regiment in the Meuse—Argonne Offensive ISBN: 978-0-7643-4921-X, Size: 7" x 10", 94 b/w images, 240 pp., hard cover, Peter L. Belmonte, \$29.99, "WOW! +" Rating

Onward the Americans would charged across the muddy, poison gas soaked ground against a well armed German army in the Meuse—Argonne Offensive. The next 39 days would be a perfect hell for the Americans as they pushed ahead to win the war in this offensive. This is the largest battle that Americans have ever been in. This is a gripping day by day account of this offensive. This is a 'must have' book for anyone interested in the closing days of the Great War.

Complete Book of US Military Pocket Knives: From the Revolutionary War to the Present ISBN: 978-0-7643-4827-2, Size: 7" x 10", 389 color images, 224 pp., hard cover, Michael W. Silvey, \$39.99, "WOW! +" Rating

This is a 'must have' book for the edged weapons enthusiasts. This is a very informative study on the military pocket knives that have been used in our nation's history. This has

some very good photos of markings and details that the collector is interested in. Keep this in mind for an excellent Holiday gift for the edged weapons collector and the historian.

On the Western Front: Eyewitness Accounts from Australians in the Great War ISBN: 978-0-7643-4828-0, Size: 6"x 9", 31 b/w photos, maps, 192 pp. hard cover, Michael Enright, \$29.99, "WOW! +" Rating

This book covers the Anzac troops from Australia and New Zealand. They fought the Germans on the Western Front as part of His Majesty troops. This first-class book does an excellent job portraying the Anzac troops as it shows the collector and historian the uniforms and equipment that they used on the Western Front. This is definitely a book that the Great War enthusiast will want to have in their library. A marvelous book about a unique group of fighting soldiers from down under.

The English Revolver: A Collectors' Guide to the Guns, their History and Values ISBN: 978-0-7643-4757-8, Size: 8 ½" x 11", 333 color photos, 160 pp., hard cover, George Prescott, \$45.00, "WOW! +" Rating

This book will make an excellent Holiday gift for the firearms enthusiasts and the American Civil War historian. Many of these revolvers were smuggled into our country during the American Civil War. Some of the later revolvers were used in the Great War by the English and American fighting men. The World War 1 collector will want to add this fabulous book to their library. This impressive book will give the reader many enjoyable hours of reading pleasure.

Masters of the Field: The Fourth United States Cavalry in the Civil War ISBN: 978-0-7643-4891-4, Size: 7' x 10", 13 b/w photos & maps, 256pp. hard cover, John R. Herberich, \$29.99, "WOW! +" Rating

The 4th U.S. Cavalry was a very active unit during the American Civil War. As time and a half went by the 4th U.S. Cavalry would become the masters of the field as they controlled the battlefield; the southern cavalry would pull back and retreat due to their reduced amount of field able troopers. This is an exceptional book that the owner will be proud to have in their library. I highly recommend this book to the American Civil War enthusiasts. The 4th U.S. Cavalry would later be used in Arizona Territory in fighting the Apaches. I would think that the Indian War enthusiasts would like to add the American Civil War service of the 4th U.S. Cavalry to their library of the conquest of Apacheria.

China Horse Marine: John R. Angstadt U.S.M.C. American Legation, Peiping China, 1934-1937 ISBN: 978-0-7643-4890-6, Size: 8 ½" x 11", 422 color & b/w photos, charts, 192 pp., hard cover, E. Richard Bonham, \$59.99, "WOW! +" Rating

This is the mounted Marine guards that gave protection to our diplomats, military personnel, and citizens during the 1934-37 periods in China. The Horse Marines kept the Chinese Street Gangs at bay. They carried the Model 1913 Patton Saber. The many photos contained in this excellent book will show the edged weapons collectors these sabers use by the China Horse Marines. This is a splendid book that you will enjoy for a long time.

Lincoln's Funeral Train ISBN: 978-0-7643-4594-X, Size: 7" x 10", 131 illustrations, 160 pages, hard cover, Robert M. Reed, \$39.99, "WOW! +" Rating

This is the perfect gift for the Lincoln collector, the American Civil War enthusiasts, scholars and historians. This book is a keeper for the family library as it covers the great sadness of our nation with the assassination of President Lincoln. This is a 'must have' book that makes a perfect gift for the Holiday Season.

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Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini, ISBN: 978-0-525-95524-5, Softcover, \$25.95, "WOW! +" Rating

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was the third year of the American Civil War and it was Christmas time. The famous poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow has written the poem Christmas Bells. The poem talked of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men! But there was no Peace on Earth as the Army of the Potomac had lost the Battle of Chancellorsville with thousands of young soldiers killed. Thousands more died at a small town in Pennsylvania called Gettysburg. Longfellow's son was in the army and the cold winds of December howled their mournful cry outside of the Longfellow home.

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

A few lines later, though, the poem reverses itself and declares something readers do not expect: “And in despair I bowed my head; / There is no peace on earth,’ I said; /’For hate is strong, /And mocks the song/Of peace on earth, good-will to men!”

Longfellow is absolutely right, of course. Even in the season that celebrates peace, love, and hope, we don’t have to look very hard to find misery, suffering, and strife all around us. Longfellow could have ended on an unhappy but all-too-truthful note, but he again changes course, tempering the previous lines with, “Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: /’God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; / The Wrong shall fail,/ The Right prevail,/With peace on earth, good-will to men.”

This message, simple but profound, is even more powerful when we learn that Longfellow had suffered tremendous personal loss and had endured along with the rest of the nation the hardships of a terrible war, and yet, somehow, at this time of grief and uncertainty, he had been inspired to compose one of his most beloved and faith-affirming poems. I marvel at his ability to find hope in dark times, to offer comfort to his readers even when writing from the depths of his own sorrow. This book makes a very nice gift for the Holidays.

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Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott, ISBN: 978-0-0620-9290-8, 544pp. Paperback, \$16.99, “WOW!+” Rating

This is the true story of four remarkable women who played seminal roles in the American Civil War. Two working for the Union and two for the Confederacy, these women, until now all but forgotten by history, came from varying backgrounds and regions. Yet each risked everything—money, honor, family connections, and even her life—in order to further the cause in which she adamantly believed. As the surprising fates of these women play out against the intensely drawn backdrop of violence and the deprivations of war the author offers a new perspective on this crucial turning point in American history—one that restores the role of women to its proper place. This is a ‘must have’ book for your library.

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The Triumph of the Ecunnau—Nuxulgee: Land Speculators, George M. Troup, and the Removal of the Creek Indians from Alabama and Georgia, 1825—1838 by William W. Winn, ISBN: 978-0-8814-6522-8, Hardcover, 564pp. Maps, Illustrations, Notes, Index, \$39.00, “WOW!” Rating

This book covers all of the backroom politics that took away the Creek Indians land and homes and put them on the trail of tears to Oklahoma.

In the Land of the Living: Wartime Letters of Confederates from the Chattahoochee Valley of Alabama and Georgia edited by Ray Mathis with Douglas Clare Purcell, ISBN: 978-0-8814-6524-2, Hardcover, 244 pp. maps, Index, \$35.00, “WOW!” Rating

“Some of the most compassionate and poignant letters were written by the private soldiers who had the least education or literary ability.” This is a ‘must have’ book for your Confederate library.

The Poisoned Table A Novel by Diane Michael Cantor, ISBN: 978-0-8814-6546-4, Trade Paperback, 376 pp. Historical Fiction, \$18.00, “WOW!” Rating

The story is based on the writings of renowned British actress, Fanny Kemble, and her life in nineteenth-century England and the American South. The story introduces the readers to the horrors of American slavery and to one of the wealthiest men in America, Pierce Butler, owner of Georgia cotton and rice plantations and master of more than 800 slaves.

Butler assures his wife her apprehensions about slavery will be assuaged once she sees firsthand its humane daily operation. Instead she is sickened and chronicles her visit in *Journal of a Residence on a Georgia Plantation in 1838-1839*. This account, published in England in 1863, is sometimes credited with dissuading Britain from aiding the Confederacy with troops etc...

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Work for Giants: The Campaign and Battle of Tupelo/Harrisburg, Mississippi, June—July 1864, ISBN: 978-1-60635-222-9, 6 1/8 x 9 1/4, 320 pp. illustrations, bibliog., notes, index, Cloth, \$39.95, Thomas E. Parson, “WOW! +” Rating

This is the story of how General N.B. Forest cavalry was beaten and severely reduced by losses as a fighting force.

On Lincoln: Civil War History Readers, Volume 3 ISBN: 978-1-60635-200-7, 6 x 9, 304 pp., Paper, notes, index, \$29.95, John T. Hubble, “WOW! +” Rating

This is the very best of a group of essays by noted historians covering the life of Lincoln.

World War I in American Fiction: An Anthology of Short Stories ISBN: 978-1-60635-196-3, 6 1/8 x 9 1/4, 416 pp., timeline, bibliog., index, Paper, \$45.00, Edited by Scott D. Emmert and Steven Trout, “WOW!” Rating

This is a ‘must have’ book for the Great War enthusiasts. This book will make a nice Holiday gift.

The Printer’s Kiss: The Life and Letters of a Civil War Newspaperman and His Family ISBN: 978-1-60635-216-8, 6 1/8 x 9 1/4 , Cloth, 288 PP., illustrations, notes, bibliog., index, \$39.95, Edited by Patricia A. Donohoe, “WOW!” Rating

This is an interesting book and views the war from a newspaperman’s point of view.

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The 21st North Carolina Infantry pISBN: 978-0-7864-7626-8, Softcover, 540pp. Sherrill, \$45.00, “WOW!” Rating

This book covers the history of the 21st North Carolina Infantry in the Civil War. It also lists the men who belonged to the regiment.

Teacher of Civil War Generals pISBN: 978-0-7864-9834-5, Softcover, 344pp. Mesch, \$39.95, “WOW!” Rating

This book covers one of the teachers at West Point that taught students that would later become generals during our American Civil War.

The 11th North Carolina Infantry in the Civil War pISBN: 978-0-7864-9515-3, Softcover, 380pp. Venner, \$39.95, “WOW!” Rating

This book covers the history of the 11th North Carolina Infantry in the Civil War. It also lists the men who belonged to the regiment.

North Carolina Civil War Obituaries, Regiments 1 through 46 pISBN: 978-1-4766-6222-0, Softcover, 252pp. Munson, \$39.95, “WOW! +” Rating
This book covers the deaths and burials of North Carolina Civil War Veterans.

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The Civil War Correspondence of Chaplain William Lyman Hyde, 112th New York Infantry. They campaigned in four states, fought in 16 battles and lost 324 men, including two regimental commanders.

The Bulloch Belles Pisbn: 978-0-7864-9993-9, Softcover, 256pp. Wilson, \$29.95, “WOW!” Rating

This book covers the ladies and men on the Bulloch side of the Roosevelt family tree. These were the people who helped the Confederacy during the American Civil War.

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Jutland: World War I's Greatest Naval Battle ISBN: 978-0-8131-6605-6, Cloth, 10 maps, 36 b/w photos, 6.125 X 9.25, \$50.00, Edited by Michael Epkenhans, Jorg Hillmann, and Frank Nagler “WOW! +” Rating

During the first two years of World War I, Germany struggled to overcome a crippling British blockade of its mercantile shipping lanes. The Germany's sixteen dreadnought-class battleships compared to the renowned British Royal Navy's twenty-eight, the German High Seas Fleet stood little chance of winning a direct fight. After months of skirmishes, the conflict erupted on May 31, 1916, in the North Sea near Jutland, Denmark, in what would become the most formidable battle in the history of the Royal Navy. This remarkable book serves as the essential reappraisal of this seminal event in twentieth-century naval history. This is a 'must have' book for the Great War enthusiasts. This will make an excellent Holiday gift.

LINCOLN'S FINAL HOURS: Conspiracy, Terror, and the Assassination of America's Greatest President Kathryn Canavan, ISBN: 978-0-8131-6608-7, Cloth, \$29.95, 244 Pages, 6"x 9", 48 b/w photos, map, “WOW! +” Rating

While countless works on the Lincoln assassination exist, *Lincoln's Final Hours* moves beyond the well-known traditional accounts, offering readers a front row seat to the drama and horror of Lincoln's death by putting them in the shoes of the audience in

Ford's Theatre that dreadful evening. Through her careful narration of the twists of fate that placed the president in harm's way, of the plotting conversations Booth had with his accomplices, and of the immediate aftermath of the assassination, Canavan illustrates how the experiences of a single night changed the course of American history.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOKS

After the Civil War: The Heroes, Villains, Soldiers, and Civilians Who Changed America James I. Robertson, ISBN: 978-1-4262-1562-9, Hardcover, \$30.00, "WOW! +" Rating

This book explores the critical years following the Civil War and focusing on 75 key figures that would come to shape America during Reconstruction and beyond. Together their stories tell the complex and fast-paced story of America as the country struggled to reunite and adapt to the inevitable changes wrought by war.

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Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868 by Cokie Roberts ISBN-13: 978-0-0620-0276-1, Hardcover: 400 pages, \$27.99, "WOW! +" Rating

Cokie Roberts zeroes in on the wives, sisters, and female friends of the men leading America into, and through, this unprecedented conflict. Because of the war, these

“belles” of Washington society blossomed into suffragists, journalists, social activists, and philanthropists, engaging with the issues of the day on their own terms and along with the women who worked in and influenced the government, transformed a sleepy, social Southern city into a place of power and action. This book will make a nice Holiday gift.

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Valley of the Shadow by Ralph Peters, ISBN-13: 978-0-7653-7403-5, Hardcover, 512 Pages, \$26.99 US/\$31.50 Can, A Forge Book, “WOW! +” Rating

From a daring Confederate raid that nearly seized Washington, D.C., to a stunning reversal on the bloody fields of Cedar Creek, the summer and autumn of 1864 witnessed some of the fiercest fighting of our Civil War—in mighty battles now all but forgotten. Sharp as a bayonet and piercing as a bullet, *VALLEY OF THE SHADOW* is a great novel of our grandest, most tragic war.

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Their Last Full Measure/The Final Days of the Civil War by Joseph Wheelan, ISBN: 978-0-306-82360-2, 407 Pages, Hardcover, \$26.99 “WOW! +” Rating

This is a fast paced account of the last 150 days of the war. The story of powerful armies, civil and military leaders, and ordinary people struggling to survive the war’s wreckage, told by acclaimed historian Joseph Wheelan. This thoroughly researched book is broken up into the last five months of the Civil War and focuses on the major events of each that ultimately led to the war’s end.

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The American Slave Coast: A History of the Slave Breeding Industry by Ned and Constance Sublette, ISBN: 978-1-6137-4820-6, Cloth, 752 Pages, 6”x9”, 63 B&W photos, \$35.00 (Can \$42.00) “WOW!” Rating

The American Slave Coast follows the two main phases of the slave trade: importation and breeding. Importation began with the first known sale of kidnapped Africans in Virginia in 1619 and took place largely during the colonial years. The second phase, breeding, was the era of the interstate slave trade in African Americans. The key date of January 1, 1808 was the start of federal prohibition of the “importation of persons.” After

that, the interstate trade was, with minor exceptions, the only slave trade in the United States, and grew at a scale that was previously impossible.

The Madman and the Assassin: The Strange Life of Boston Corbett, the Man who Killed John Wilkes Booth by Scott Martelle, ISBN: 978-1-6137-3018-8, Cloth, 6"x9", 244 Pages, 12 B&W photos, \$26.95 US (\$31.95 Can) "WOW!" Rating

In the 150 years since the end of the Civil War, the nation hasn't had as unlikely a hero as Sgt. Boston Corbett, the off-kilter Union cavalryman who shot John Wilkes Booth dead in a cavernous tobacco barn near the south shore of the Potomac River on April 26th, 1865. This is the first full-length biography of Boston Corbett; a story that encompasses tragedy and intrigue—his wife died when he was young, and he struggled with poverty and his own mental health—as it weaves through some of the most recognized and studied events in American history.

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The Myth of the Lost Cause: Why the South Fought the Civil War and Why the North Won by Edward H. Bonekemper III, Hardcover, \$29.99, "Good" Rating

The Myth was developed during Reconstruction as shell-shocked and impoverished Southerners tried to rationalize the institution of slavery and the heroic performance of Confederate leaders and soldiers... The Myth, writes [Carey] Gallagher, "addressed the nature of antebellum Southern society and the institution of slavery, the constitutionality of secession, the causes of the Civil War, the characteristics of their wartime society, and the reasons for their defeat." It originated with Generals Jubal Early and William Nelson Pendleton and was promulgated in memoirs, veterans' reunion speeches, ceremonies at Confederate cemeteries and elsewhere, and Confederate-themed art.

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FREE BLACKS in Antebellum Texas Edited by Bruce A. Glasrud and Milton S. Jordan, ISBN: 978-1-57441-614-5, Cloth, 6"x9", 320pp. Notes, Bib. Index, \$45.00, "WOW!" Rating

Free black Texans experienced the dangers and risks of life on the frontier in Texas. Those experiences and many others required of them a strength and fortitude that evidenced the spirit and abilities of free blacks in antebellum Texas. Sometimes with support from a few whites, as well as their own efforts, they struggled and survived.

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Civil War Nurse Narratives, 1863-1870 by Daneen Wardrop, ISBN: 978-1-60938-367-1, 274 Pages, 10 B&W Photos, 6 illustrations, 1 image, Paper, \$55.00, “WOW!” Rating

This book examines the autobiographical narratives written by northern female nurses and published during the war and shortly thereafter, ranging from the well-known Louisa May Alcott to lesser-known figures such as Elvira Powers and Julia Wheelock. From the hospitals of Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, to the field at Gettysburg in the aftermath of the battle, to the camps bordering front lines during active combat, these nurse narrators reported on what they saw and experienced for an American audience hungry for tales of individual experience in the war. This book will make an excellent Holiday gift for the Civil War enthusiasts.

Of Wilderness and Wolves by Paul L. Errington, Edited by Matthew Wynn Sivils, ISBN: 978-1-60938-365-7, Trade Paperback, 244 Pages, 1 B&W Photo, 7 Illustrations, \$29.95, “WOW!” Rating

This book deals with the wolf falling to often to greed and ignorance. Wolves were considered vicious, wantonly destructive predators; by the mid-1900s, they had been almost completely eliminated from the lower forty-eight states. Their reintroduction to their historical range today remains controversial.

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Price's Lost Campaign ISBN: 978-0-8262-2033-2, \$25.00, “WOW!” Rating

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On This Day in West Virginia Civil War Heritage ISBN: 978-1-4671-1791-3, \$21.99, “WOW!” Rating

The book is loaded with Civil War period pictures, illustrations, and Confederate Veteran photos.

Arkansas Civil War Heritage: A Legacy of Honor ISBN: 978-1-6261-9192-1, \$19.99, “WOW!” Rating

The book is loaded with Civil War period pictures, illustrations, and Confederate Veteran photos.

Lincoln’s Springfield Neighborhood by Bonnie E. Paul and Richard E. Hart; foreword by Dr. Wayne C. Temple Lanmark Series, ISBN: 978-1-6261-9951-4, Softcover, 224 pages, \$19.99, “WOW!” Rating

When an emotional Abraham Lincoln took leave of his Springfield neighbors, never to return, his moving tribute to the town and its people reflected their profound influence on the newly elected president. Abraham Lincoln’s old neighborhood still stands today as a National Historic Site. Journey back in time and meet this diverse but harmonious community as it participated in the business of everyday living while gradually playing a larger role on the national stage.

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Winston Churchill Reporting: Adventures of a Young War Correspondent by Simon Read, ISBN: 978-0-306-82381-7, Hardcover, 309 Pages, \$26.99, “WOW!” Rating

Winston Churchill wanted to pursue a political career; but first he would have to make a name for himself so he became a war correspondent. This book covers the days of Churchill working as a war correspondent in the jungles of Cuba, India’s North-West frontier, from the desert of the Sudan to the veld of South Africa. The young reporter always found his way to the battle front. This book will make a nice Holiday gift.

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Well this wraps up another exciting issue of The Lone Star Book Review. Until next month I wish you good health and happy reading.