

WV & Civil War List

Brown, Linda Beatrice. *Black Angels*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2009. Grades 6 to 12. Three Southern children, two black and one white, escape from their homes during the horrors of the Civil War and, after meeting in the woods, gradually come to rely on each other as they make their way slowly north, enduring hunger, fear, sickness, and constant danger, before arriving in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

Cummings, John Michael. *The Night I Saved John Brown*. New York: Philomel, 2008. Cummings, a Harpers Ferry native has written an evocative young adult novel about history, family and friendship.

Fireside, Bryna. *Private Joel and the Sewell Mountain Seder*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Publishers, 2008. All ages. A group of Jewish soldiers from the 23rd Ohio Regiment prepare Passover Seder during the Civil War. Shawn Costello's vibrant colored illustrations enhance the story.

Walter Dean Myers. *Now is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom*. New York: HarperCollins, 1991. Young Adult. A Coretta Scott King Award winning book about the African-American experience. In it he writes about the Bower, an estate near Harper's Ferry where some of his ancestors were enslaved.

Perez, Noah A. *The Slopes of War: A Novel of the Gettysburg*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Grades 8 to 10. Buck Summerhill, a young soldier from West Virginia, faces the horrors of the Battle of Gettysburg knowing that his two cousins, Curtis and Mason, may be fighting against him in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Rees, Douglas. *Lightning Time*. New York: Puffin, 1997. Young Adult. A young boy joins John Brown on his Raid on Harper's Ferry.

Rinaldi, Ann. *Mine Eyes Have Seen*. New York: Scholastic, 2002. Young Adult. A powerful story of John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry told through the eyes of his daughter Annie. This is a much a story of a complicated father-daughter relationship as it is a historical depiction.

Seabrooke, Brenda. *Haunting of Swain's Fancy*. New York: Dutton, 2003. Ages 9 – 12. Eleven-year-old Taylor is spending the summer with her Dad and his new family in their antebellum house in West Virginia. At first antagonistic, Taylor and her stepsister Nicole become caught up in the mystery of ghostly apparitions haunting their bedroom. They set out to solve a mystery that goes back to the Civil War.

Zaunders, Bo and Roxie Munro. *The Great Bridge-Building Contest*. New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2004. This is a non-fiction picture book about the contest for the design of the Philippi covered bridge. The Battle of Philippi is considered the first land battle of the

Civil War. The illustrator is the great-great granddaughter of the designer, Lemuel Chenoweth of Beverly.