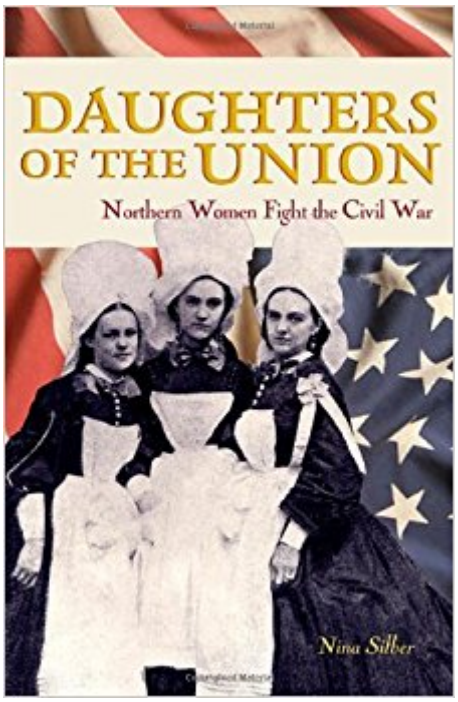
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This book casts a spotlight on some of the most overlooked and least understood participants in the American Civil War: the women of the North. Unlike their Confederate counterparts, who were often caught in the midst of the conflict, most Northern women remained far from the dangers of battle. Nonetheless, they enlisted in the Union cause on their home ground, and the experience transformed their lives.

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It's a great book for my next historical novel. The research and biographies are wonderful as is the detail that is described.

Good history written in easy-to-read style. Women have been neglected in Civil War histories so this was a real winner. I've recommended it to others in this year of Civil War remembrance

Based on the title of this book, I was looking forward to reading it. I knew I was in trouble when the

author made her bias very clear in the prologue. She said she was going to prove that all the others who've written about women in the Civil War, including those who were there, were wrong. In her view the Civil War only proved the lowly status of women and that they were unable to handle the responsibilities thrust on them by the war.While she cites her examples, I kept getting the feeling that she was cherry-picking or mis-interpreting what was written by women of the time. An example: in the Epilogue she quotes a nurse who wrote of "seeing soldiers 'faithfully plodding through the dust protecting me' had made her 'feel more insignificant than words can express'." In the author's view this proves the nurse learned how "subordinate" she was. A better interpretation, one most of us would say on watching the same thing today, would be gratitude for the sacrifice the troops are making for us.I made it through the book, but I would not recommend this as an introduction to women in the Civil War, it's just too biased.

Book was sent out immediately, arrived within a few days, and was of excellent quality.

I had checked this book out of at my library and was enjoying it so much I added it to my Wishlist. I received it for Christmas and have thoroughly enjoyed reading it. The amount of new information I am learning about this time period and the northern women's role has been fascinating. It reads quickly and fun to read though reading a lot of historical information.

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