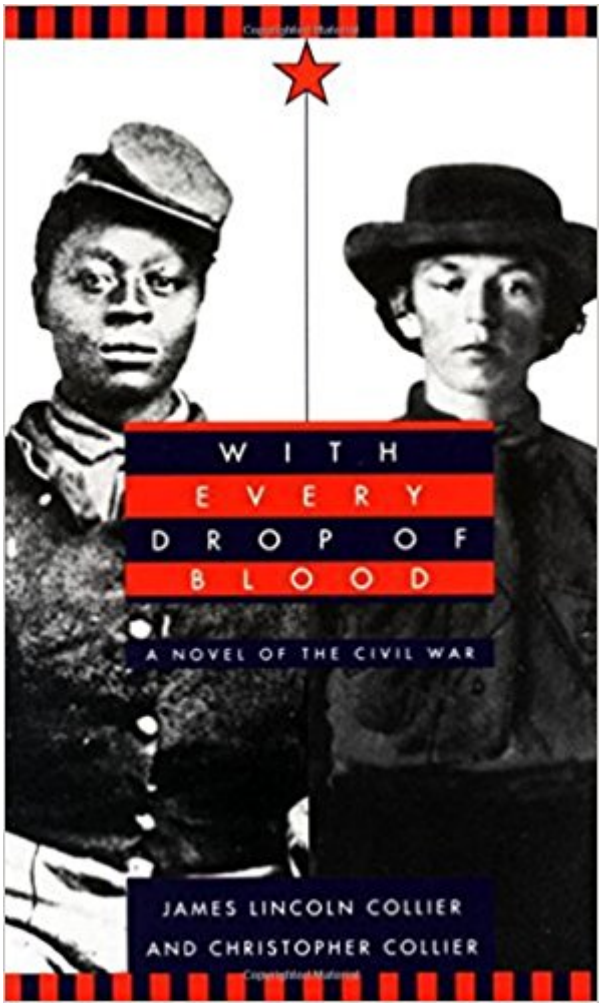
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Synopsis

Johnny made a promise to his father, who was wounded fighting for the South. He promised to take care of the family and not run off to fight. Without Pa, JohnnyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s family can barely scrape by. But when thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s an offer to take his mules and wagon on a bold mission to supply the Rebel troops, Johnny canÃ¢â ¬â„¢t resist. Then heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s captured by a YankeeÃ¢â ¬â •Cush, a runaway slave. Johnny doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t like taking orders from a black. But heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s got no choice. HeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s bound for prison camp, tormented by his broken promise and wondering what will become of his family and himself.

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The Collier brothers (My Brother Sam Is Dead) here paint a strong, affecting picture of the Civil War era, of the grueling work and privations of the home front as well the chaos and carnage of the battlefield. When Pa is wounded in action in 1864 and comes home to die, he extracts a promise from Johnny, the book's 14-year-old narrator, to stay on their farm in Virginia and look after the family. But a few months after Pa's death, Johnny undertakes a dangerous mission to bring food into besieged Richmond--and maybe avenge his father's honor. Instead, he and the family's team of mules are captured by Blue Coats; even worse (to him), the soldiers are black, and the youth suffers

the ignominy of taking orders from a former slave his own age, Cush Turner. At first Johnny takes advantage of his captor’s kindliness, but ultimately he becomes friends with Cush and even saves his life. When the war ends, Cush and Johnny set off toward home together, the latter observing, "For sure it is going to be a long time before kids of slaves and kids of slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood," but adding that staying friends is worth a try. The sensitive treatment of this unlikely relationship recalls Patricia Calvert’s equally fine novel, Bigger . Ages 10-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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A+

Great book that truly shows how much one’s belief were instituted to the extreme of giving up one’s life for a cause.

This was the most interesting book that I have ever read.There’s nothing wrong with the book.I liked this book because of the speech and the dialogue.

I liked this book. I recommend it. It’s about a war and that’s boring to me but I recommend this if you like these kind of books.ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã ËœÃ â

I give this item a 5 star rating!I ordered this item for a junior high class. The teacher uses it every day and the class loves it! The item arrived quickly and in great shape. Good service!

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Its okay I had to read it for 5th grade school but I read it before when I was in 1st. (In 1st I had a 4th grade reading level and by 4th I had an adult reading level finishing the hunger games in 2 hours) I thought it was a bit predictable but then again I don’t like books about the past futurist is more my style. ;-)

I did not enjoy this book

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