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Annie, Between The States



Synopsis

Annie's home and heart are divided by the Civil War. Annie Sinclair's Virginia home is in the battle path of the Civil War. Her brothers, Laurence and Jamie, fight to defend the South, while Annie and her mother tend to wounded soldiers. When she develops a romantic connection with a Union Army lieutenant, Annie's view of the war broadens. Then an accusation calls her loyalty into question. A nation and a heart divided force Annie to choose her own course.

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Customer Reviews

"Annie, Between the States" is a good quick read, appropriate for middle school through adult. There are no intimate or graphic scenes, or profane language. The plot is about Annie, a teen in Virginia, who must weather the course of the war around her home, Hickory Heights. Annie endures many battles, and becomes close to General Jeb Stuart and Colonel John Mosby, of the Confederacy. During one of the battles, she befriends a Northern boy, Thomas Walker, and Walker

becomes entwined in Annie's story as the war rages on. The book is well-written, with no typos or editing issues. The plot moves quickly; I was able to finish this over a weekend. The historical references are well-researched; and history is not exaggerated or overwhelming, but presented plainly, enhancing the storyline. The characters are barely developed, but the simplicity is not detrimental. The romantic elements, advertised by the publisher, are non-existent. This isn't a Civil War soap opera, but the struggle of one girl against all the wartime elements that threaten her family in sort of an after-school-special presentation. I gave this book four stars due to the disappointing ending: the resolution seemed quickly contrived to close the book, rather than sticking with the plot development that has built for 90 percent of the story -- as if the author was called on Thursday evening and told the final chapter was due on Saturday. I was particularly disappointed with the sudden Hallmark-type of realizations by the characters at the end, with no thought as to being logical or true to the characters up to that point. This left me feeling cheated of something that could have been more.

Good book for teens learning about the civil war, though I agree with other reviewers a bit too heavy on details/facts in the beginning of the book and I could see a few locations throughout the book where edits could have been made, such as no need to describe in great detail how a dance is danced, just tell us they danced and what went on with the two characters. The story does pick up the pace mid-way through and that is when it starts to get interesting, plus the writing tightens up. It is essentially the tale of a Virginia girl trying to keep her family intact and torn between her loyal to the confederacy and her growing love of a union soldier. I think I would have liked this book more when I was 14, clean romance intertwined with historical fiction

I enjoy historical fiction, and I liked this book told from the viewpoint of a Confederate family in Virginia. It was historically accurate and is a good read for anyone wanting a foundational story concerning the Civil War. It sometimes felt it was trying to cover too much territory, mentioning many major battles and events in order to give the reader a lot of elementary history. Having said this, though, too few people know enough about the events of the Civil War and the tremendous toll it took upon our country as whole; I applaud the author for giving her readers a pretty good historical piece that fosters knowing more about this crucial time period in American history.

I loved this book! The "real" historical characters included in this story were authentic based on information I have read of them. The many painful (and some happy) situations this family went thru

as residents of Virginia during the Civil War seemed realistic and drew me in emotionally. And the love story was very sweet! I only wish the author had included an epilogue to reveal a little more of their love story when they were finally together... they were rarely together in the story because they were in the middle of War and on opposite sides! Otherwise, this was a really great historical fiction book and I would highly recommend to history lovers!

I liked this but it is suspiciously similar to, & not as well written as, The Bregdan Chronicles by Ginny Dye. I'm not sure who had the original story line but they are virtually identical. I would have liked this better had I not read the others 1st. Since they are series there is a lot more detail than in just one book. If you haven't read the series try this one & maybe you will want to read the others.

How many times do you hear someone say I couldn't put it down? This is just another book that I could not put down! The author is done an amazing job of weaving together history and romance. I thoroughly enjoyed the twists and turns of the plot as well as the accuracy of the historical events. A must read!

Thank you

I am both a civil war and romance buff, and I have to say that this is a remarkable book! It has the perfect blend of historical fiction, romance, and all the elements of a good story. I have an extremely high standard for books, and this one really makes the list. The back cover does not give the book away at all-just enough to cover the important parts- and I was just impressed.L.M. Elliot must be a genius! To be able to write such a wonderful book is just...wow! The only problem with the book is that even though it is more than 500 pages, I wanted it to be longer. I finished it in 3 hours because it was so good. If only all books were as satisfying...Any fan of historical fiction, suspense,and romance will love this book. I encourage everyone to read it.

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