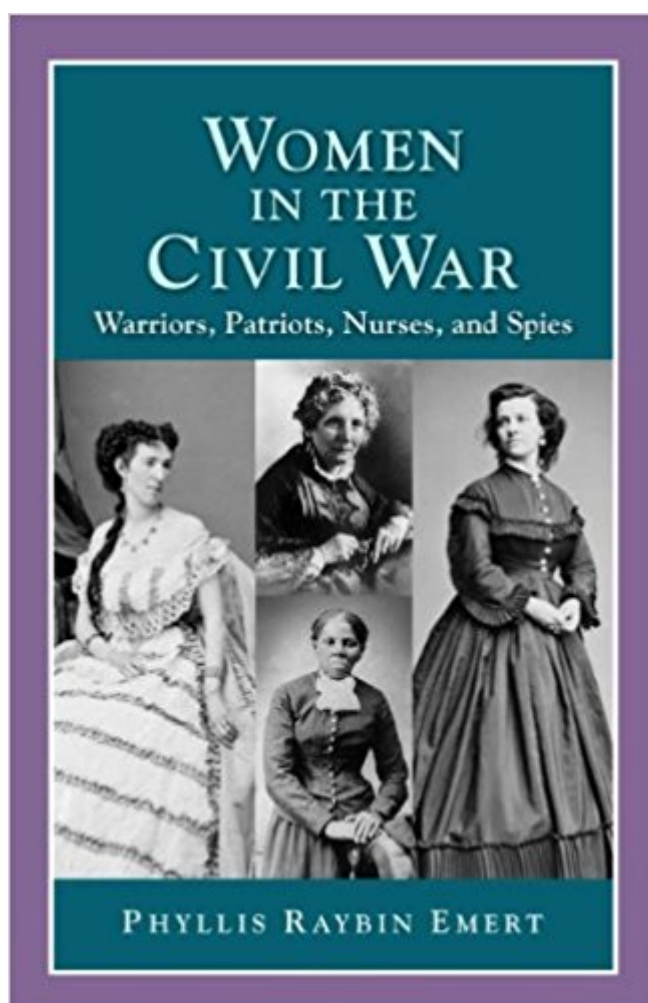


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Great book. Read by a high schooler for a summer reading program. Really enjoyed the various stories.

For the price this is a nice little book. It's about a sixth to eighth grade reading level, in fact interested fourth grade readers would find it fully accessible. The author keeps her own editorials to a minimum and lets the documents speak for themselves. I think in this situation this shows a remarkable restraint. The content is nearly all drawn from firsthand accounts of those participating in the events described. Diaries, letters, and post-war autobiographies provide most of the material, so the reader has more of a sense of "being there." Two of those quoted are probably well known to those who enjoy classic fiction, Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (Thrift

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