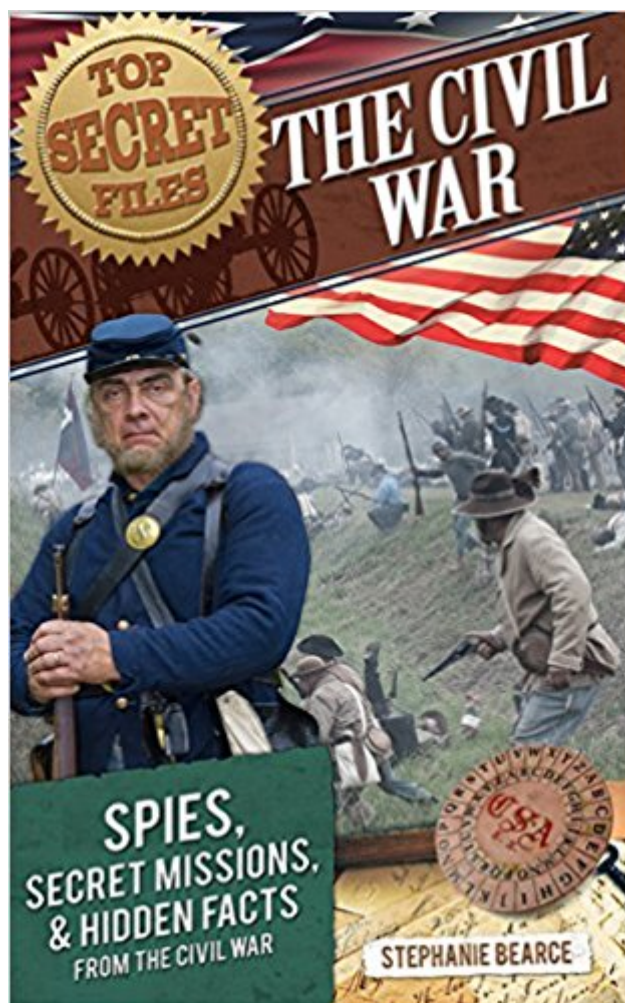


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Top Secret Files: The Civil War: Spies, Secret Missions, And Hidden Facts From The Civil War (Top Secret Files Of History)



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This is a very well balanced look at the Civil War. Bearce shows that the Union and the Confederacy both had successes and failures. She also includes information about men, women and children, slave and free. It isn't a comprehensive look at the Civil War but it does give young readers information that they aren't going to find in other books on the topic. Bearce is a former teacher and she knows both how to hook her readers and how to deliver the facts . . . Pick this one up for history buffs, those who aren't sure and even adult enthusiasts. --Bookshelf: What We're Reading
Stephanie Bearce has a wonderful way with words which will appeal to the young people reading this book, and I repeatedly report that I loved reading this series. It will appeal to all . . .

Each chapter tells about secrets that were dealt with by children and women as well as the usual male spies. Where and how are secrets that most of us did not know until these books. The pictures and titles and pages that specifically tell children how to "spy" will appeal to young people as much as the stories. --Elaine Weiner, Gifted Education Communicator

Bearce focuses her writing talents on topics such as espionage, secret weapons, technological innovations, and daring missions that may be little known by readers. In telling these stories in brief, Bearce does an excellent job of drawing her readers into the realm of the unexpected within the context of America's deadliest conflict. In each instance Bearce brings to life a cast of characters who in some cases failed and, in others, had a significant impact upon aspects of the war. --Greg Romaneck, Children's Literature

Stephanie Bearce is a writer, teacher, and history detective. She loves tracking down spies and uncovering secret missions from the comfort of her library in St. Charles, MO. When she isn't writing or teaching, Stephanie loves to travel the world and go on adventures with her husband, Darrell.

This book is extremely well written! It is very intriguing for adults and kids alike. We plan on getting the WWII one as well! I highly recommend it! It is filled with wonderful and amusing information as well as great pictures. We are a homeschooling family and are using it for part of our history for our third grader. We read the book as a family and adults as well as the kids are enjoying it

Loving This Series! Review for: *The Civil War, Spies, Secret Missions, and Hidden Facts* by Stephanie Bearce

The Top Secret Files Series is a dream come true for young readers who love history and a surprise and delight for those who really really don't. Here is a treasure trove jam-packed with details not widely known about the Civil War, details that will spark interest in the most disinclined young reader and bring that era to life. Nine to twelve years old are sure to enjoy these books, but adults may find they're unable to stop turning the pages. For me it was like eating peanuts in that it was hard to stop. This book generates curiosity. Clearly considerable research went into gathering information for this book. It is replete with little known facts that surprise and inspire fresh question for the reader. For example, I didn't know that a good map was a rare and highly prized valuable or that its maker was, to quote the author, "a secret weapon better than any gun." I'd also never thought of light as a secret weapon before, but the Union Army used a blinding white light made from lime to attack Confederate soldiers. I loved learning that spy messages were conveyed on ladies' fans and in the way laundry was hung out to dry. Some secret messages were even hidden in hollow eggs!

The text of this book is concise

and engaging, and the writing quick paced without rushing the reader. Differing historical viewpoints are shown evenly as are people of the time across racial, class, political, gender, and geographic lines. Fun activities are also included in the book so children can learn by doing as well as by reading. My favorites were the one making a scytale, an ancient device for sending secret messages, and the one using flashlights to send code made from the Confederate Signal Corps' alphabet. This book is not only an interesting reference for school projects and papers, but a satisfying read for those nine years old and up.

Wonderful book for my grandkids to add to their knowledge of the Civil War.

I'm using this book for my 8th grade summer reading program. It is full of little known facts I think my kids will enjoy.

My 10-year-old daughter loves these books.

Delivery was quick. Book was in good condition. No complaints. Book was needed for school.

My 9 year old loved it and learned a lot.

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