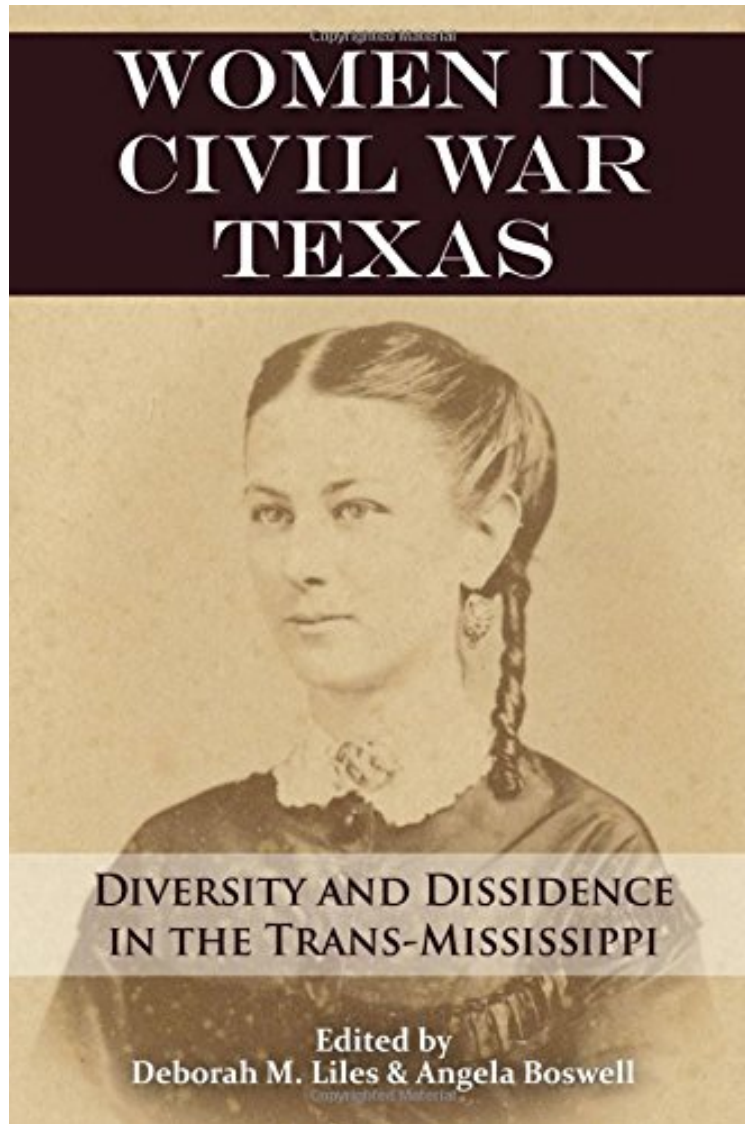


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Winner of the Liz Carpenter Award for Research in the History of Women, Texas State Historical Association, 2017. *Women in Civil War Texas* is the first book dedicated to the unique experiences of Texas women during this time. It connects Texas womens lives to southern womens history and shares the diversity of experiences of women in Texas during the Civil War. Contributors explore Texas women and their vocal support for secession, coping with their husbands wartime absences, the importance of letter-writing, and how pro-Union sentiment caused serious difficulties for women. They also analyze the effects of ethnicity, focusing on African American, German, and Tejana womens experiences. Finally, two essays examine the problem of refugee women in east Texas and the dangers facing western frontier women.

Women in Civil War Texas is an excellent survey of the lives of the women in the Lone Star State who encountered a wide range of problems during the four years of war. The two chapters on slave women are particularly impressive, because so little is known about the lives of female slaves. This book fills a needed gap in the story of Civil War Texas. Anne J. Bailey, author of *Invisible Southerners: Ethnicity in the Civil War* and coeditor of *Civil War Arkansas* This will be the first source historians and students examine to gain the most authoritative knowledge and understanding of Texas women during the Civil War. Clearly, the editors were determined to be as vigorous and judicious as possible in stipulating broad, balanced, and deep coverage of the most important groups of Texas women. T. Michael Parrish, author of *Richard Taylor: Soldier Prince of Dixie* and co-editor of *Brothers in Gray*