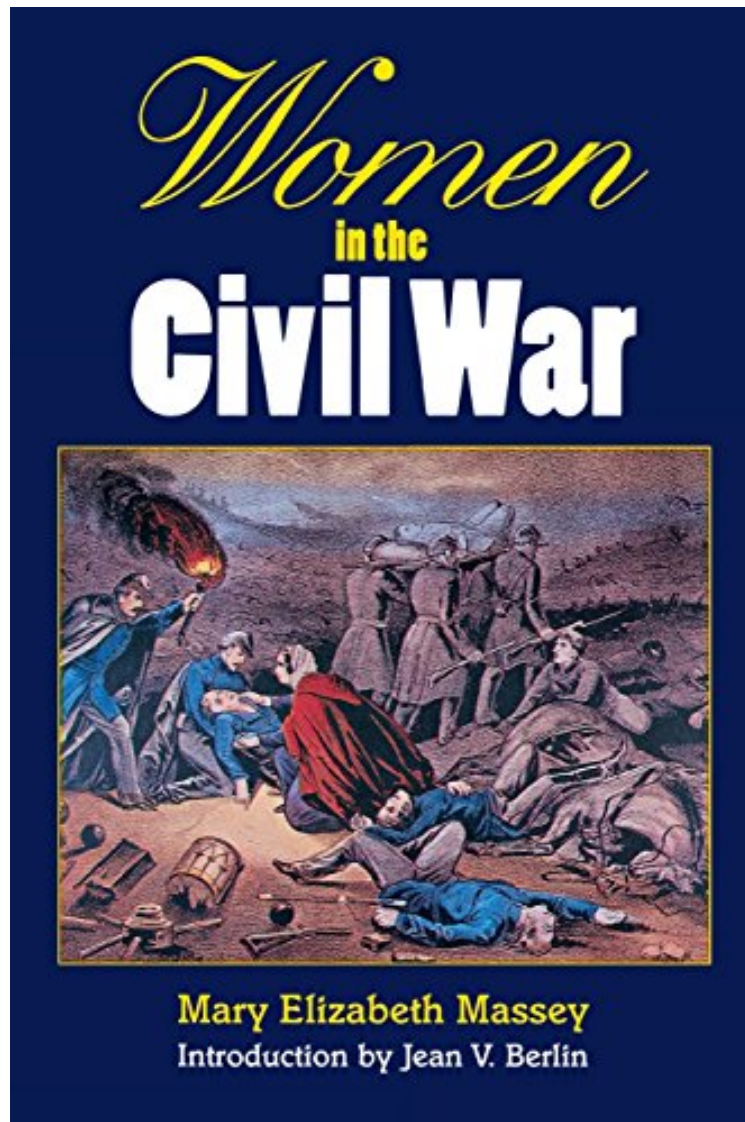


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Mary Elizabeth Massey : Women in the Civil War before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Women in the Civil War:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delineation of Women's Suffrage, Rights and Opportunities in the 19th Century By VIRGINIA KURZWEIG Since there is so little to read about this subject, I read it avidly. It is dry and factoid in its approach. It was written before social history became developed. So you don't get nearly the context of the culture that would season later offerings on the subject. I think this is an important book for writers who came

afterwards and learned how to flesh out characters as well as cultures. It is excellent in mentioning what women were learning how to do for a living and how the Civil War expanded women's workplace options. Few people know (I didn't) that the women's suffrage movement essentially started with the Abolitionist movement and was relegated to also-ran status as the dire needs of the enslaved population were considered far more important than the rights of women. For anyone interested in the long history of the women's suffrage movement, I would think this is a must-read. It goes back to the movement in its infancy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Flint Lock Wonderful! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An outline of amazing research By Vivian I found this book nicely organized..... a good resource for further research. The thought of one going through thousands of letters and journals is overwhelming to me, but there is no other way to get this overall picture of what it was like to be a woman in this country, during this period. I will keep this book forever and refer to it often. Thank you M.E.M., etc for your gift.

The Civil War wrought cataclysmic changes in the lives of American Women on both sides of the conflict. *Women in the Civil War* demonstrates their enterprise, fortitude, and fierceness. In this revealing social history, Massey focuses on many famous women, including nurses Dorothea Dix, Clara Barton, and Mother Bickerdyke; spies Pauline Cushman and Belle Boyd; writers Louisa May Alcott, Julia Ward Howe, and Mary Chestnut; pamphleteer and military strategist Anna Ella Carroll; black abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth; feminists Susan B. Anthony and Jane Grey Swisshelm; and political wives Varina Davis and Mary Todd Lincoln. The anonymous women who maintained farms and plantations are described, as are camp followers, businesswomen, entertainers, activists, and socialites in Charleston and Washington.

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