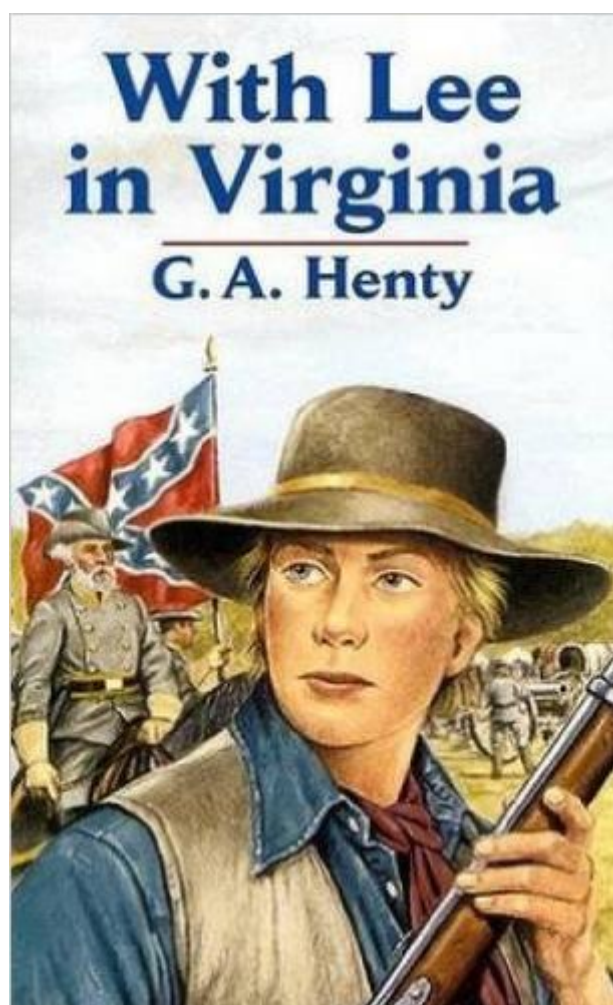


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With Lee In Virginia



Synopsis

The author of more than 140 books â€” earning him the title "Prince of Storytellers" â€” George Alfred Henty wrote carefully researched, immensely popular children's books about fictional youngsters who lived in critical periods of history. In this volume, he focuses on the Civil War, as seen through the eyes of a spirited teenager from the South, who staunchly supports the rights of slaves but joins Lee's cavalry and fights for the Confederacy.

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Customer Reviews

I really loved this book written from a rare Confederate view point. The author beautifully portrayed virtues such as honor and courage in the young hero, Vincent. They say these books are written for teenage boys, but I'm a twelve year old girl and I couldn't put down the book for three days. It is probably won of the most exciting books I've ever read.

This book is definitely one of Mr. Henty's masterpieces. It gives a clear view of the South's situation and why the Civil War was fought. I highly enjoyed this book, both for its content and the way history is mingled with a gripping plot. I can't tell you too much because I might spoil it, but it is about a young Southern man who joins the Confederate army and distinguishes himself through his many adventures.

An extra bonus in this Henty book is that it includes both the English preface and the American one, which Henty wrote to the 'lads' who would read this book. In *With Lee in Virginia* Vincent Wingfield

is the main character, one who lives on a plantation run by slaves, but who is strongly against being cruel to slaves. When he clashes with the overseer over Pearson having whipped a slave, Vincent never imagines it will cause such trouble. Soon, though, Vincent gets involved in the fate of the slave he saved, Tony. Will Vincent be able to help the man escape from the wicked Jackson? What about Tony's wife, who Jackson is selling for revenge? This book draws you right in plantation life in the 18hundreds, you will feel happy with the knowledge that `your' slaves are safe, and will never even consider that you are doing wrong by keeping slaves. Vincent enlists as a volunteer after Virginia secedes and accomplishes many deeds of bravery. This is just another in a long line of thrilling books writing by George Alfred Henty, don't miss reading a single one!!!

I have read many G.A. Henty books and enjoyed them. This story was no exception. However, it was painful to read the account published by Timeless Classic Books. This 2010 edition was apparently not proofread and had over 100 spelling errors. I have never read a book that was so poorly edited. Anyone with a spell checker could have done better. I have tried to contact the publisher, but their website is down. I'd recommend the book, but please purchase from a different publisher.

This may have been written at the time for young readers (I am 43!), but for anyone interested in the Civil War it is a treasure trove of background to the war, and the men of the South (primarily) that fought it. The descriptions of the battles (complete with maps) fought in Virginia are gripping without being overly-narrated. My 12-year old is reading it soon, and I am sure he won't be able to put it down either.

Mine is inscribed "To Eli J Brown from his teacher Irene Fleming" It is quite old and the pages are broken at one place, but it is still a joy to read. This book has it all. If you are related to Eli or Irene, you can have my copy. Just get in touch. First, it operates as a descriptive history of the Civil War, from First Manassas to Petersburg. It is told from the perspective of a young cavalry officer. Outstanding character - brave, honest, dutiful, gentlemanly, humane. Next, it is a gripping adventure story. Fights, whipping, runaway, danger at sea, courage under fire, taken prisoner, escape, loyal (and clever) servants, bushwackers, women in peril, espionage, escape from executioners, freedom for slaves. Told in a no-nonsense, practical way. Vincent Wingfield is practically perfect, and an enjoyable role model for young Americans. This book was entertaining. I recommend it.

I admit, I skimmed through some of this book. While I loved how Henty presented the argument for the South, this book was not as good as some of his others at having the characters be part of great events. Vincent spends most of his time not fighting, but in prison or wandering around after escaping. Good, but not my favorite.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! It tells the story of the Civil War through the eyes of a young southern man living on a plantation. Unlike many books, it tells the story of the war from a southern standpoint, but not so much of a southern standpoint to be a turnoff to anyone at all. It's a tale that you will want to read over and over.

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