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# April 1865 The Month That Saved America Jay Winik

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In *The Great Upheaval*, New York Times bestselling author Jay Winik reveals the events of the historic decade that birthed the modern world. It is an era that redefined history. As the 1790s began, a fragile America teetered on the brink of oblivion, Russia towered as a vast imperial power, and France plunged into revolution. But in contrast to the way conventional histories tell it, none of these remarkable events occurred in isolation. Now, for the first time, acclaimed historian Jay Winik masterfully illuminates how

their fates combined in one extraordinary moment to change the course of civilization. A sweeping, magisterial drama featuring the richest cast of characters ever to walk upon the world stage, including Washington, Jefferson, Louis XVI, Robespierre, and Catherine the Great, *The Great Upheaval* is a gripping, epic portrait of this tumultuous decade that will forever transform the way we see America's beginnings and our world. "Buttressed by impeccable research, vividly narrated and

deftly organized, this is popular history of the highest order." —Publishers Weekly  
**Edward J. Steptoe and the Indian Wars** LSU Press  
From a distinguished historian of the American South comes this thoroughly human portrait of the complex man at the center of our nation's most epic struggle. Jefferson Davis initially did not wish to leave the Union—as the son of a veteran of the American Revolution and as a soldier and senator, he

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considered himself a patriot. William J. Cooper shows us how Davis' initial reluctance turned into absolute commitment to the Confederacy. He provides a thorough account of Davis' life, both as the Confederate President and in the years before and after the war. Elegantly written and impeccably researched, Jefferson Davis, American is the definitive examination of one of the most enigmatic figures in our nation's history.  
April 1865  
Rowman &

Littlefield Publishers  
"Original and revelatory."  
—David Blight,  
author of Frederick Douglass Avery O. Craven Award Finalist A Civil War Memory/Civil War Monitor Best Book of the Year In April 1865, Robert E. Lee wrote to Ulysses S. Grant asking for peace. Peace was beyond his authority to negotiate, Grant replied, but surrender

terms he would discuss. The distinction proved prophetic. After Appomattox reveals that the Civil War did not end with Confederate capitulation in 1865. Instead, a second phase of the war began which lasted until 1871—not the project euphemistically called Reconstruction, but a state of genuine belligerence whose mission was to shape the peace.

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Using its war powers, the U.S. Army oversaw an ambitious occupation, stationing tens of thousands of troops in outposts across the defeated South. This groundbreaking history shows that the purpose of the occupation was to crush slavery in the face of fierce and violent resistance, but there were limits to its effectiveness

: the occupying army never really managed to remake the South. "The United States Army has been far too neglected as a player—a force—in the history of Reconstruction. . . Downs wants his work to speak to the present, and indeed it should." —David W. Blight, *The Atlantic* "Striking... Downs chronicles... a military occupation

that was indispensable to the uprooting of slavery." —Boston Globe "Downs makes the case that the final end to slavery, and the establishment of basic civil and voting rights for all Americans, was 'born in the face of bayonets.' ...A remarkable, necessary book." —Slate *The Great Upheaval* Simon and Schuster "Chronicles the events of 1944 to reveal how nearly the Allies lost World

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War II, citing the pivotal contributions of FDR, Churchill, and Stalin,"--Novelist.

**The Confederate Alamo**

W. W. Norton & Company

A gripping and original account of how the Civil War began and a second American revolution unfolded, setting Abraham Lincoln on the path to greatness and millions of slaves on the road to freedom. An epic of courage and heroism beyond the battlefields, 1861 introduces us to a heretofore little-known cast of Civil War heroes—among

them an acrobatic militia colonel, an explorer's wife, an idealistic band of German immigrants, a regiment of New York City firemen, a community of Virginia slaves, and a young college professor who would one day become president. Their stories take us from the corridors of the White House to the slums of Manhattan, from the waters of the Chesapeake to the deserts of Nevada, from Boston Common to Alcatraz Island, vividly evoking the Union at its moment of

ultimate crisis and decision. Hailed as "exhilarating....Inspiring...Irresistible..." by The New York Times Book Review, Adam Goodheart's bestseller 1861 is an important addition to the Civil War canon. Includes black-and-white photos and illustrations.

**The Wars of Reconstruction**  
Grove Press

"The Confederate Alamo is the first book-length study ever written about the chaotic and bloody Battle of Fort Gregg. By April 2, 1865, General Ulysses

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S. Grant's men had tightened their noose around the vital town of Petersburg, Virginia. Trapped on three sides with a river at their back, the soldiers from General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia had never faced such dire circumstances. To give Lee time to craft an escape, a small motley group of threadbare Southerners made a suicidal last stand at a place called Fort Gregg. Famous Civil War

historian Douglas Southall Freeman described this fight as "one of the most dramatic incidents of an overwhelming day." The venerable Union commander, Major General John Gibbon, observed, "[t]he struggle was one of the most desperate ever witnessed"--Publisher's website. *Days on the Road; Crossing the Plains in 1865* Harper Collins A panoramic history of the collapse of the Confederacy.

**A Southern Woman's Story**  
BoD – Books on Demand  
Many people continue to believe that the Civil War ended with Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, yet it took three more months to end the bloodiest of all American wars. *Out of the Storm* is a remarkable portrait of this turbulent closing phase of the war. Photos.  
**Hymns of the Republic**  
Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
From a master historian comes

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the story of Lincoln's--and the nation's--transformation through the crucible of slavery and emancipation. **Lincoln's Last Days** Henry Holt and Company (BYR) Examines the history of the final month of the Civil War including the fall of Richmond, Lincoln's assassination, and finally the start of national reconciliation. To Appomattox Scribner  
Reproduction of the original. The publishing house Megali specialises in reproducing historical works in

large print to make reading easier for people with impaired vision. **Bloody Roads South** Harper Collins Originally published in 1998, Like Men of War was a groundbreaking early study of Black troops in the Civil War that is still considered a major contribution to the literature on the United States Colored Troops (USCT). In this chronological operational history, Trudeau covers every major engagement—and a few minor ones—that the

USCT participated in. By quoting generously from primary documents, including Black soldiers' letters, Trudeau tells the combat history of African American troops in the Civil War largely through the voices of the soldiers themselves. This fresh, expanded second edition adds material on additional engagements and other aspects of Black soldiers' experiences, and features a new selection of photographs. The updated bibliography is extensive, providing a rich

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selection of source materials for further study and exploration. Like *Men of War* is essential reading for anyone seeking a thorough understanding of the U.S. Civil War. **A Year in the South** Vintage Nelson Lankford draws upon Civil War-era diaries, letters, memoirs, and newspaper reports to vividly recapture the experiences of the men and women, both black and white, who witnessed the tumultuous fall of Richmond. In April 1865 General Robert E. Lee realized that

his army must retreat from the Confederate capital and that Jefferson Davis's government must flee. As the Southern soldiers moved out they set the city on fire, leaving a blazing ruin to greet the entering Union troops. The city's fall ushered in the birth of the modern United States. Lankford's exploration of this pivotal event is at once an authoritative work of history and a stunning piece of dramatic prose. **The Siege of Petersburg** Harvard University Press The Petersburg

campaign began on June 9, 1864, and ended on April 3, 1865, when Federal troops at last entered the city. It was the longest and most costly siege ever to take place on North American soil, yet it has been overshadowed by other actions that occurred at the same time period, most notably Sherman's famous "March to the Sea," and Sheridan's celebrated Shenandoah Valley campaign. The ten-month



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Petersburg affair witnessed many more combat actions than the other two combined, and involved an average of 170,000 soldiers, not to mention thousands of civilians who were also caught up in the maelstrom. By its bloody end, the Petersburg campaign would add more than 70,000 casualties to the war's total.

Civil War Memories

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Reproduction of the original.

**The  
Assassination of**

**Abraham Lincoln** biography of  
Vintage  
Reprint of the  
original, first  
published in 1866.  
**1944** McFarland  
When John  
Wilkes Booth  
assassinated  
President  
Abraham Lincoln  
at Ford's  
Theatre, his  
friends were  
stunned--not  
only by the  
murder but by  
the thought that  
someone they  
knew as  
fantastically  
gifted,  
successful and  
kind-hearted  
could commit  
such a crime.  
Fortune's Fool,  
the first

biography of  
Booth ever  
written, is the life  
story of this  
talented and  
troubling  
individual.

**The Battle of Fort  
Stedman**

**(Petersburg,  
Virginia) March  
25, 1865**

Sterling  
Publishing  
Company  
From a Pulitzer  
Prize winner comes  
the story of an  
unforgettable  
moment in  
American history:  
the historic meeting  
between General  
Robert E. Lee and  
General Ulysses S.  
Grant that ended  
the Civil War.  
MacKinlay Kantor  
captures all the  
emotions and the  
details of those few  
days: the

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aristocratic Lee's  
feeling of  
resignation; Grant's  
crippling  
headaches; and  
Lee's  
request--which  
Grant generously  
allowed--to permit  
his soldiers to keep  
their horses so they  
could plant crops for  
food.

### Fortune's Fool

Open Road  
Media

An account of  
the author's  
experiences in  
Richmond  
hospitals during  
the Civil War.