

Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier By P.C. Zick Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier This book surprised me on two levels: Harmon Camburn could certainly write and even though his language is sometimes dated.

(not surprising) the very detail and detachment in the journal lends credibility to the piece. The diarist mentions being proud to serve his country but the interactions between Union and Confederate soldiers on a personal basis are humane and somewhat understanding of their mutual situation. Harmon's duty turned out to be three long grueling years of privation near starvation hardship and desperate battle but also the brotherhood and camaraderie of his fellow soldiers and a devotion to home and country that never faltered. In fact Union soldiers suffered every bit as much especially in bad weather when supply wagons could not move over roads of deep mud or up and down steep tracks in hilly country. Harmon and his comrades marched endless miles often in dead of night in driving rain and snow or over dusty tracks under a blazing sun with little or no shelter when they bivouacked. He also had the incredible resilience of youth amazingly surviving not only a bullet through his chest but days of exposure to the elements and little-to-no medical care when he was captured by Confederates. His courage sacrifice and willingness to bear great hardship in the service of his country reminded me once again of how much we all owe to those who risk their lives to defend our freedom not only in wars past but today as well. Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier For Civil War buffs and historians -- or anyone conducting research -- personal journals and diaries offer a glimpse into what soldiering really was like during this bloodiest of U. Because this is from a soldiers point of view he doesn't always know the why or where of things that are happening further up the chain of command so I supplemented this story with readings from historical sites concerning what history recorded of the events. In the journal as we followed Camburn and his group on this march we walked with the soldiers struggling through knee deep mud and the wash of water that sloshed to our waists. We spent many a night sleeping on the ground in the cold rain and many a night ignoring exhaustion and hunger as we did our best to retreat and hold back the advancing enemy line at the same time. Among the hardships of war we were delighted with many pranks and side adventures as the soldiers sought to relieve the boredom of winter camp or scavenged for food in the country side. We were surprised by the several encounters with rebels where there was a friendly exchange instead of one of fire and saddened when members of the 2nd Michigan lost their lives. I know in the future when I'm asked to name five people living or dead I would love to spend the day with Sergeant Harmon Camburn will forever be among those five names. Instead of the Civil War being nothing more than some battle names and dates remembered for a test and promptly forgotten the life of a soldier and the war took on real meaning for my children. Typed by one relative and now further carefully edited to help us understand the text and context Patricia Zick and well done Harmon Camburn! Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier This is an interesting account of the Civil War written by a soldier via a diary and then published by a relative. While this is written in dated wording (which I enjoy immensely!) the writing is superb the details are whole and when I read instances like when they were marching down the street in front of the President my jaw dropped. From the day of his enlistment in the Army in April 1861 in Adrian Michigan to his final days in the service of the army near Knoxville Tennessee the journal provides insight into the minutiae of a soldier's life from what they ate to the somewhat unorthodox method of obtaining food,

The book provides an excellent source of information and brings the war alive, This excellent way of presenting history first and second hand helped me to get an idea of the war and its mechanics but also about the politics and spirit of the times, With further annotations and information about the war this is an enhanced eye witness report allows an amazing insight into the real life of the war, Palatable to the modern reader this is very well presented and very worthwhile your time. The fact that Zick's family had kept this treasure preserved so that she could publish it for the world is what every student of history longs for: I did wish some maps had been added as the marches back and forth and the place names were a little tough to sort out, What I particularly liked was the lack of

emotional war-mongering talk: The kind help to the wounded and captured diarist by a Confederate soldier later in the book was quite surprising: Well done.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book!! If you want an inside-look at a soldier's life during the Civil War this is it. From the rations to weather to casualties a very thorough review of daily life was covered: This book is invaluable to me as an author and I will definitely reference back to it: Zick's great grandfather Harmon Camburn was 19 years old In April 1861 when he told his father he was determined to enlist in a Michigan regiment of the Union Army, When his arguments failed to dissuade Harmon his father relented and said Go and do your duty and if I was as young and strong as you I would go too, Author Zick's notes comments and organization both clarify and enhance Harmon's writing for readers today without ever being jarring or intrusive, I had always thought it was largely the Confederate soldiers who suffered from lack of supplies food forage clean water shelter and equipment: They lived for weeks on only what they could scrounge from scoured and depleted countrysides, Tattered clothing and worn-out shoes went months without replacement, At one point so desperate for drinking water were the men that they routed hogs from a wallow then filled their canteens from the foul and muddy water that remained,)Harmon's experiences were indeed months of boredom punctuated by moments of acute terror: He remained however a determined and courageous young man valued by his superior officers and respected by his comrades: With the typical optimism and recklessness of youth he was almost always able to find humor mischief and adventure in the midst of grueling army life, It was not until he was returned to his own side many days later that he finally received care for his life-threatening wound: His descriptions of the landscapes and people he discovers as his regiment moves across Illinois Tennessee Virginia and Kentucky are vivid even poetic. He never gives in to despair even in the most desperate of circumstances. I developed not only great affection for him as I read but also enormous respect, Harmon like many a soldier before and after would have said he was just doing his duty, But I think what he did and what so many of our men and women in uniform today do is far far greater than that. A gripping read and very highly recommended! Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier Excellent book! This is the best Civil War diary I've read, Documents not only battles but the everyday life of a soldier: battles: the conditions the privations the mental fortitude necessary the fatigue and physical pain the loss the victories. This journal while in some places a recitation of battle after battle (how could it not be?) is fabulous for the storytelling ability of the author Harmon Camburn, His language is descriptive and the anecdotes he recalls of fellow soldiers and incidents are often inspiring and humorous: I LOVE that this man's great-granddaughter PC Zick compiled his journal and turned it into a published work that others can learn from and enjoy: He sounds like an incredible man and I'm honored to have gotten a glimpse of his service. Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier In the study of the Civil War my children and I embarked on a journey with Sergeant Harmon Camburn. Camburn's words paint a rich tapestry often shadowed with the bleak aspects of war, As we read we followed his movements throughout the war with a map laid out in front of us and a highlighter in hand. The kids took great delight in connecting the dry historical records with richness of the events that happened in this journal. After reading one particular passage detailing one of the long arduous marches the kids and I stopped to read a historical account of the march to that battle, In the historical account it said simply the troops had to struggle through the heavy mud on their march. We felt the hunger and privation brought on by the inability of the supply wagons to pass over the muddy ruin of the roads, Later we spent days helping to the pull the horses and mules up steep rocky roads and trudged alongside the soldiers as they helped ease the animals down the far side: We were treated with disdain by Confederate loyalists and fawned over by loyal Union citizens. Camburn is one of those individuals one wishes they could sit down and spend hours talking to: This journal is a wonderful tribute to his life service and sacrifice. Zick took the time to put this in a format that available for everyone. I firmly believe this should be in ever school as part of the curriculum. Far more was learned from it that I ever learned in school from the page or two devoted to it in a dry history book: And because the account is so real vivid and rich my children were

engaged in it: Many questions were asked many things looked up comments given laughter elicited and much involvement was had by all: They contemplated the hardships faced by the soldiers and the loss of life the Civil War wrought: As we read the last few pages and the losses of the the various U: wars was listed the numbers of lost lives were greeted by the sober faces and countenances of my children, Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier by P, Zick is a precious documentation of the Civil War the atrocity that killed by far many more US citizens than any other war in its history, Told by Harmon Camburn the a young Union soldier it follows his lot from signing up taining and battles and injury, Camburn wrote most of the events down from his notes afterwards which gives already a new perspective, I thought it was brilliantly put together and would be a great resource for anyone wanting to know more about that era: Thanks for sharing this piece of history! Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier I am a Civil War buff and couldn't wait to start reading this book: Though I'm a Confederate gal through and through this Union soldier's journal is the story of every Civil War soldier: I guess at the time Honest Abe wasn't THE Abraham Lincoln we know today, To read a first-hand account of something so historic is amazing, The narrative of this book reads as if it were written by a real author not a soldier, Whether Union or Confederate the soldier's stories were the same: If you want to experience a first-hand look into the daily life of a Civil War soldier in vivid and sometimes painful detail do not pass up this important book. Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier ishciuyregcfdjhcbhdwcdhwbc bcbdecbwc Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier P. Zick describes herself as a storyteller no matter what she writes: And she writes in a variety of genres including romance contemporary fiction and nonfiction. Shes won various awards for her essays columns editorials articles and fiction. The three novels in her Florida Fiction Series contain stories of Florida and its people and environment which she credits as giving her a rich base for her storytelling, Floridas quirky and abundant wildlife—both human and animal—supply my fiction with tales almost too weird to be believable. Her contemporary romances in the Behind the Love series are also set in Florida, The novels in her most recent series Smoky Mountain Ro P. Zick describes herself as a storyteller no matter what she writes, And she writes in a variety of genres including romance contemporary fiction and nonfiction. 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The novels in her most recent series Smoky Mountain Romances are set in the fictional town of Laurel North Carolina: She is currently working on a new romance series Rivals in Love, Join the Crandall family of Chicago as the siblings find love despite their focus on successful careers: Her Montauk Romances are set in and around Long Island and feature simple yet sophisticated beach houses designed with romantic intent: Civil War Journal from the 2nd Michigan contains the reminiscences of her great grandfather Harmon Camburn who joined the Union Army on April 20 1861, The book contains his journal as well as annotations about the war in general. She's also included several appendices that add local context to the journal. This is an expanded version of Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier published in 2013: She has written several books of nonfiction on topics from gardening to travel to memoir. Her body of work contain stories set in a variety of places. Along with writing contemporary fiction and romances and creative nonfiction Ms. She and her husband live in Tallahassee Florida during the winter, In the spring they enjoy life in the Smoky Mountains near Murphy North Carolina where they enjoy gardening kayaking and golfing. Zick weaves stories that share her philosophy of living lightly upon this earth with love laughter and passion. {site_link} Do you love history? Are you interested in the Civil War? Then this book is one you're sure to enjoy, Harmon Camburn signed up for duty as a Union soldier two weeks after the first shots were fired at Fort Sumter. For the next three years he experienced war from the battlefields, He was present at both Battles of Bull Run and other skirmishes of the War Between the States including the Battle of Fredericksburg, His tour of duty ended with a shot through his lung at the Siege of Knoxville where he was captured by Confederate soldiers and held as a prisoner of war

for six days. Fortunately he survived his wounds and wrote his reminiscences down in journal form for his four children.) Zick presents his journal along with additional annotations about the war in general, The journal weaves a tragic and compelling tapestry of war from the view of the soldier. Camburn's sardonic and realistic view of war is worth remembering. It shows the horror of the battlefield to the joys of the sun breaking through the clouds after days of rain: The descriptions of the landscape are beautifully crafted just as the descriptions of scattered bodies on the battlefield are ghastly reminders of the cost of war, Buy Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier to learn and understand the history of the deadliest war in the history of the United States. An important historic document that taught me a lot. Perhaps a subsequent edition could have this addition. Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier Author P.C. (The hogs of course did not suffer a happy fate. Harmon is articulate and observant. Very well written and informative. S. This is a rich account from a soldier's point of view. I'm thankful his great granddaughter P.C.S.C. I enjoyed it. I expected it to be a dry less-than-detailed diary. Boy was I wrong. Yes he was speaking of Abraham Lincoln. He was just the President. I can't recommend this book anymore highly than I do. It is history. It is America. C. Currently crafting fiction—mostly romances—occupies her time. C. Currently crafting fiction—mostly romances—occupies her time. Zick is also an editor, book formatter and publisher. And of course in both locations Ms. His great-granddaughter author Patricia Camburn (P.C. Mr. Civil War Journal of a Union Soldier

