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The Loyal West Matthew E. Stanley 2016-01-10 A free region deeply influenced by southern mores, the Lower Middle West represented a true cultural and political median in Civil War-era America. Here grew a Unionism steeped in the mythology of the Loyal West--a myth rooted in regional and racial animosities and the belief that westerners had won the war. Matthew E. Stanley's intimate study explores the Civil War, Reconstruction, and sectional reunion in this bellwether region. Using the lives of area soldiers and officers as a lens, Stanley reveals a place and a strain of collective memory that was anti-rebel, anti-eastern, and anti-black in its attitudes--one that came to be at the forefront of the northern retreat from Reconstruction and toward white reunion. The Lower Middle West's embrace of black exclusion laws, origination of the Copperhead movement, backlash against liberalizing war measures, and rejection of Reconstruction were all pivotal to broader American politics. And the region's legacies of white supremacy--from racialized labor violence to sundown towns to lynching--found malignant expression nationwide, intersecting with how Loyal Westerners remembered the war.

The Civil War Naval Encyclopedia Spencer Tucker 2011 Long overlooked in favor of land engagements, this is the first encyclopedia to analyze the naval aspects of the American Civil War. \* Introductory essay unifies the material in the encyclopedia, providing an overview of the history of the navies of the American Civil War \* Contains over 450 reference entries, listed alphabetically and with accompanying images \* Chronology provides historical perspective and highlights the most important naval events of the war \* Comprehensive bibliography serves as a gateway to further study

Solo Soldier's Stories Kathy Warnes 2018-03-16 Stories of individual soldiers throughout history.

Loss of the Sultana and Reminiscences of Survivors Chester D. Berry 2005 Originally published in 1892, *Loss of the Sultana and Reminiscences of Survivors* is a collection of first-hand accounts by those who lived to tell the story of perhaps the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history. On the Mississippi River just above Memphis at two o'clock on the morning of April 27, 1865, the steamboat *Sultana*, carrying over 2,400 passengers (it was licensed to carry only 356), exploded and sank. Over 1,700 people perished. Most of the passengers were Union soldiers recently released from Confederate prisons. Many were from East Tennessee. They had boarded at Vicksburg, where the longest siege of the war had resulted in Confederate surrender, ending the Vicksburg campaign. The soldiers, homeward bound from Andersonville and Cahaba Confederate prisons, had survived the terrors of battle, the loss of close comrades, physical and psychological wounds, the risky confinement of hospital, the humiliation of capture and surrender, escape and recapture, homesickness, boredom, the daily threat of death by starvation, disease, suicide, robbery, injury, or death by raiders. Chester D. Berry - one of the survivors - compiled facts, records, and personal accounts of other survivors, resulting in this compelling and profound testimony to the human spirit in the face of tragedy.

The Sultana Tragedy Jerry O. Potter 1992-01 Provides an investigation of the reasons behind, and the cover-up of the steamboat explosion which took the lives of 1,800 Union soldiers in 1865

Destruction of the Steamboat Sultana Gene Eric Salecker 2022-03-15 The *Sultana* was a sidewheel Mississippi steamboat carrying almost two thousand recently-released Union prisoners-of-war back north at the end of the Civil War. At 2:00 a.m. on April 27, 1865, when the boat was seven miles above Memphis, her boilers exploded. Almost 1,200 people perished in the worst maritime disaster in United States history. Gene Eric Salecker covers this disaster in detail and dispels the many myths that have been connected to the *Sultana* for too long. Almost every author who has written about the *Sultana* has relied on the words of a few survivors or referred to the works of previous authors to get their story. Advancing the scholarship, the author has visited the National Archives in Washington, DC to comb through the handwritten transcripts of the three investigative bodies that looked into the disaster or poured over the handwritten testimony from the court-martial trial of Capt. Frederic Speed, the only person tried for the overcrowding of the vessel. In 1996, after extensive research and using the most current sources available at that time, Salecker wrote *Disaster on the Mississippi: The Sultana Explosion April 27, 1865*. Still, there were inevitable omissions. After almost twenty-five years of continued research on the *Sultana*, and all those involved in the disaster, Salecker has gleaned unparalleled knowledge into every aspect of the disaster. His research, covering the National Archives, and thousands of pages of newspapers from around the world and government documents, including pension records and service records, has allowed Gene to tell the story of the *Sultana* as completely as possible. By bringing his research back to primary sources, Salecker dispels myths and adds to the story of the *Sultana*. In *Destruction of the Steamboat Sultana: The Worst Maritime Disaster in American History* paroled prisoners, civilian passengers, guards, crewmembers, rescuers, and eyewitnesses tell their stories in their own words. The true, and complete, story about the *Sultana* and the disaster has finally, and fully, been told.

SULTANA TRAGEDY, THE Jerry O. Potter 1992-02-29 Lee Surrenders! "President Murdered!" "Booth Killed!" screamed the headlines of American newspapers in April 1865, leaving little room for mention of a maritime disaster that to this day is America's worst. On April 27, 1865, the *Sultana*, a 260-foot, wooden-hulled steamboat-smaller than the *Titanic* but carrying more passengers--exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee. More than 1,800 men, mostly Union soldiers on their way home from Confederate prison camps, died. On board were over 2,400 passengers--six times the ship's legal capacity. Although jubilant about the war's end, most of the men were weakened by malnutrition and disease from their imprisonment at Andersonville and Cahaba. Hundreds who were not killed in the explosion drowned in the cold, swift waters of the muddy river. Because of the timing of the sinking, coverage of the *Sultana's* demise was scant, and the tragedy has passed almost unnoticed in the pages of American history. In this highly documented book, author Jerry Potter focuses on how greed, indifference, gross stupidity, and criminal misconduct reaching as far as the White House led to the overloading of the *Sultana* at Vicksburg. Such irresponsible conduct characterized the actions of President Lincoln, an entire chain of army command, and several profit-hungry civilians. This authoritative work contains abundant photographs and illustrations, as well as the most complete list of the ship's passengers available.

Minding the Machine Stephen P. Rice 2004-08-30 In this innovative book, Stephen P. Rice offers a new understanding of class formation in America during the several decades before the Civil War. This was the period in the nation's early industrial development when travel by steamboat became commonplace, when the railroad altered concepts of space and time, and when Americans experienced the beginnings of factory production. These disorienting changes raised a host of questions about what machinery would accomplish. Would it promote equality or widen the distance between rich and poor? Among the most contentious questions were those focusing on the social consequences of mechanization: while machine enthusiasts touted the extent to which machines would free workers from toil, others pointed out that people needed to tend machines, and that that work was fundamentally degrading and exploitative. *Minding the Machine* shows how members of a new middle class laid claim to their social authority and minimized the potential for class conflict by playing out class relations on less contested social and technical terrains. As they did so, they defined relations between shopowners--and the overseers, foremen, or managers they employed--and wage workers as analogous to relations between head and hand, between mind and body, and between human and machine. Rice presents fascinating discussions of the mechanics' institute movement, the manual labor school movement, popular physiology reformers, and efforts to solve the seemingly intractable problem of steam boiler explosions. His eloquent narrative demonstrates that class is as much about the comprehension of social relations as it is about the making of social relations, and that class formation needs to be understood not only as a social struggle but as a conceptual struggle.

The Civil War in Books David J. Eicher 1997 Provides a bibliography of Civil War books, divided into such categories as battles and campaigns, Confederate biographies, Union biographies, and Unit histories

The American P.O.W. Experience 2000 From the earliest days of our history, Americans have been taken into captivity as a result of armed conflict. As prisoners of war, Americans have endured a variety of conditions from adherence to the conventions of war to unspeakable cruelty and have been exposed to a variety of cultures worldwide. This bibliography lists works that examine and document American POW experiences from the Revolutionary era to the present. It was compiled at the request of the Department of History in support of the Nineteenth Military History Symposium that will be held at the United States Air Force Academy from 14 to 16 November 2000. The bibliography is a selective list of the US Air Force Academy Academic Library's holdings on the indicated topics. Included are books, government documents, journal articles, and reports. Neither newspaper articles nor works of fiction are included.

Their Patriotic Duty Robert Francis Engs 2007 A compilation of 273 personal letters from the Evans family of Brown County, Ohio, captures life on the battlefield and on the home front during the Civil War for one Midwestern family, describing both their wartime experiences and everyday life as revealed through the correspondence between patriarch Andrew Evans and his son Samuel, a Union officer with the 70th Ohio.

The American Civil War Steven E. Woodworth 1996 A revealing look at the Japanese through the window of their contemporary culture.

The Campaign for Atlanta & Sherman's March to the Sea 1992

Twenty-Seventh Louisiana Volunteer Infantry Scriber, Terry G. This regimental history focuses on the first infantry division assigned to the defense of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Featuring archival photographs and an extensive biographical register, the book also includes driving directions to soldiers' grave sites.

Congressional Record United States. Congress 2009 The *Congressional Record* is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress. It is published daily when Congress is in session. The *Congressional Record* began publication in 1873. Debates for sessions prior to 1873 are recorded in *The Debates and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States (1789-1824)*, the *Register of Debates in Congress (1824-1837)*, and the *Congressional Globe (1833-1873)*

Obituaries in the Performing Arts, 2017 Harris M. Lentz III 2018-04-30 "A one-stop resource summarizing the deaths of all major individuals in the fields of television, film cartoons, theater music and popular literature throughout the world. Each obituary is well written and concise...a great resource...recommended"--Choice "A solid reference work that deserves inclusion in all public libraries. Recommended"--ARBA "An absolute must...indispensible...informative, thorough, and interesting...most highly recommended"--Examiner.com "Indispensible reference sources for obit information"--Classic Images "Magnificent research tools...invaluable...value packed with data, and written in an engaging,

interesting manner that never becomes dull and statistical"--James L. Neibaur, writer. The entertainment world lost many notable talents in 2017, including iconic character actor Harry Dean Stanton, comedians Jerry Lewis and Dick Gregory, country singer Glen Campbell, playwright Sam Shepard and actor-singer Jim Nabors. Obituaries of actors, filmmakers, musicians, producers, dancers, composers, writers, animals and others associated with the performing arts who died in 2017 are included. Date, place and cause of death are provided for each, along with a career recap and a photograph. Filmographies are given for film and television performers.

Bicycling Tennessee Owen Proctor 2002-03-01 Bicycling Tennessee is the best resource for road touring in Tennessee. This guide features nearly 2,000 miles of scenic, paved back roads. The routes cover varieties of terrain including the plains of West Tennessee, the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee and the mountains of East Tennessee. Rides include half-day to three-day trips. You'll take paths once traveled by Native Americans, frontiersmen and Civil War heroes. You'll see as many as 200 points of interest. The book introduction includes information about tour preparation, training and state cycling laws. Each chapter covers one route including a map, directions, terrain description, area history, places to stay and bicycle repair shops. An appendix features tourism and road cycling contacts throughout the state.

An Emotional History of the United States Professor of History and Provost Peter N Stearns 1998 Emotions lie at our very core as human beings. How we process and grapple with our emotions, how and what we emote, and how we respond to the emotions of others, constitute the essence of our social universe. In a very real sense, we exist only through the prism of our emotions. And yet the profound effect of human emotion on history, politics, religion, and culture, remains underexamined. While the influence of emotion in such realms as American foreign policy has been well-documented, other emotional aspects of American history have escaped notice. What role, for instance, does emotion have in the practice of African American religion? How do shame and self-hatred influence American conceptions of identity? How does our emotional life change as we age? To what degree is American consumerism driven by basic human emotion? With this landmark anthology, historians Peter N. Stearns and Jan Lewis provide a road map of the American emotional landscape. From the emotional world of working-class Massachusetts to the prayers of evangelical and pentecostal women and the gendered nature of black rage, these essays provide a multicultural snapshot of the unique nature, and evolution, of American emotions.

The Nashville and Decatur in the Civil War Walter R. Green, Jr. 2022-08-29 The Nashville and Decatur Railroad was in operation five months before the start of the Civil War and 17 months before the Federals took control of Nashville and the railroad. Running through Central Tennessee to Alabama, the highly contested line passed through Confederate-held territory, where rebels and their sympathizers continually sabotaged bridges, trestles and track. This first full-length work on the N&D Railroad emphasizes its importance in the Western Theater and brings to light the four key men who kept it open for the duration of the war. Significant military activities in the region are described, along with the contraband camp, military complex and other features surrounding the railroad's only tunnel.

The 26th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry Jeffrey A. Hill 2020-02-10 Here is the third edition of the history of a group of men who valiantly fought to preserve the Union during the American Civil War. The first edition was published in 2010 to wide acclaim. An updated second edition was printed in 2013. Now, seven years later, this third edition expands on the previous ones with a new chapter and many more stories, burial locations, maps and photos. The men of the 26th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry were among the first to answer their country's call to duty, and among the last ones to finally be mustered home. The "Old 26th" fought in numerous western theater campaigns and battles; including: Shiloh, Corinth, Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kennesaw, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville. After the war's end, the veterans yearned to publish their regiment's proud history as so many other units had done. Regrettably, the high cost of publishing proved too steep for the aged veterans, and their dream died with them. The descendant of three veterans of the 26th Ohio, Jeffrey A. Hill resurrected their dream and brought it to fruition. Meticulously researched, their history is based on over five hundred primary source documents including letters, diaries, military and pension records, regimental and company records, and other first person accounts. Their narrative conveys their omnipresent sense of duty and loyalty. This book chronicles the involvement of the 26th Ohio from the initial fervor following Fort Sumter and throughout the war, as well as the postbellum activities. The appendices include a roster, list of burial sites, photo gallery, and index. This history is a lasting tribute to the men who so bravely fought to protect what they held most dear—their beloved country. At long last, here is their story...

High Integrity Systems and Safety Management in Hazardous Industries J.R Thomson 2015-01-09 This book is about the engineering management of hazardous industries, such as oil and gas production, hydrocarbon refining, nuclear power and the manufacture of chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Its scope includes an overview of design standards and processes for high integrity systems, safety management processes as applied to hazardous industries and details best practices in design, operations, maintenance and regulation. Selected case studies are used to show how the complex multidisciplinary enterprises to design and operate hazardous plant can sometimes fail. This includes the subtlety and fragility of the robust safety culture that is required. It is aimed at professional engineers who design, build and operate these hazardous plants. This book is also written for business schools and university engineering departments where engineering management is studied. An overview of design standards and processes for high integrity systems An overview of safety management processes as applied to hazardous industries Best practices in design, operations, maintenance and regulation

A Shouting of Orders Kevin B. Mccray 2003-11-10

Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History Ballard C. Campbell 2008 Presents a chronologically-arranged reference to catastrophic events in American history, including natural disasters, economic depressions, riots, murders, and terrorist attacks.

Disasters and Tragic Events: An Encyclopedia of Catastrophes in American History [2 volumes] Mitchell Newton-Matza 2014-03-26 From the Salem Witch Trials of 1692 to the Sandy Hook school massacre of 2012, this two-volume encyclopedia surveys tragic events—natural and man-made, famous and forgotten—that helped shape American history. • Covers a wide range of topics, from the infamous to the obscure • Places each event in context, giving it deeper meaning and showing its impact • Includes primary source material from U.S. Supreme Court cases, presidential speeches, eyewitness accounts, state and federal legislation, and federal government investigations • Brings the events it covers to life through photos and illustrations

The Great American Steamboat Race Benton Rain Patterson 2009-08-11 Running from New Orleans to St. Louis in the summer of 1870, the race between the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez remains the world's most famous steamboat race. This book tells the story of the dramatic contest, which was won by the stripped-down, cargoless Robert E. Lee after three days, 18 hours, and 14 minutes of steaming through day, night and fog. The Natchez finished the race only hours later, having been delayed by carrying her normal load and tying up overnight because of the intense fog. Providing details on not only the race narrative but also on the boats themselves, the book gives an intimate look at the majestic vessels that conquered the country's greatest waterway and defined the bravado of 19th-century America.

The American Neptune 1996 A quarterly journal of maritime history.

Hidden History of Cincinnati Jeff Suess 2013-09-24 A deep dive into the complex history of the Queen City, Cincinnati, Ohio, from after the American Revolution to today. So many colorful stories are lost to time. The last passenger pigeon on earth, Martha, died in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. Just outside the city, a young Annie Oakley beat her future husband in a shooting contest. The deadliest maritime disaster in American history was the explosion of the steamboat Sultana, built in the Queen City. The nation's first train robbery occurred in the Cincinnati area, and some clever victims hid jewelry in their hair and bodices. From the Black Brigade's role in protecting the city against Confederate siege to the original 1937 Cincinnati Bengals, author Jeff Suess reveals the triumphs and tribulations of the first major American city founded after the American Revolution.

Arkansas History for Young People (Teacher's Edition) Shay E. Hopper 2008-07-01 Once again, the State of Arkansas has adopted An Arkansas History for Young People as an official textbook for middle-level and/or junior-high-school Arkansas-history classes. This fourth edition incorporates new research done after extensive consultations with middle-level and junior-high teachers from across the state, curriculum coordinators, literacy coaches, university professors, and students themselves. It includes a multitude of new features and is now full color throughout. This edition has been completely redesigned and now features a modern format and new graphics suitable for many levels of student readers.

Moon Memphis Margaret Littman 2020-01-14 From legendary barbecue to famous blues, soak up the best of Bluff City with Moon Memphis. See the Sites: Immerse yourself in history at the National Civil Rights Museum or the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. Pay respects to the King at Graceland, take an evening stroll down Beale Street where the Memphis blues were born, and watch the march of the ducks at the elegant Peabody Hotel Get a Taste of the City: Feast on world-famous barbecue, fried chicken, and catfish, savor a homemade plate lunch with cornbread and fried green tomatoes, or opt for a multi-course meal at one of Memphis's classic steakhouses Bars and Nightlife: Listen to live blues at B.B. King's, tour a brewery and sample a flight, and dance the night away at an old-school juke joint Honest Advice from Tennessean Margaret Littman on the real Memphis, from local businesses to historic hotspots Flexible, strategic itineraries including a five-day best of Memphis and tours of the art scene and Civil Rights history, plus day trips to the Mississippi Blues Trail, Tupelo, Little Rock, Hot Springs National Park, and more Tips for Travelers including where to stay, how to safely bike the city, and more, plus advice for LGBTQ visitors, international travelers, and families with children Maps and Tools like background information on the history and culture of Memphis, easy-to-read maps, full-color photos, and neighborhood guides from Downtown to Soulsville With Moon Memphis's practical tips and local know-how, you can experience the best of the city. Hitting the road? Try Moon Blue Ridge Parkway Road Trip or Moon Nashville to New Orleans Road Trip. Exploring more of the Volunteer State? Check out Moon Tennessee.

After Vicksburg Myron J. Smith, Jr. 2021-10-28 This is the first published comprehensive survey of naval action on the Mississippi River and its tributaries for the years 1863-1865. Following introductory reviews of the rivers and of the U.S. Navy's Mississippi Squadron, chronological Federal naval participation in various raids and larger campaigns is highlighted, as well as counterinsurgency, economical support and control, and logistical protection. The book includes details on units, locations and activities that have been previously underreported or ignored. Examples include the birth and function of the Mississippi Squadron's 11th District, the role of U.S. Army gunboats, and the war on the Upper Cumberland and Upper Tennessee Rivers. The last chapter details the coming of the peace in 1865 and the decommissioning of the U.S. river navy and the sale of its gunboats.

Cincinnati Magazine 1994-06 Cincinnati Magazine taps into the DNA of the city, exploring shopping, dining, living, and culture and giving readers a ringside seat on the issues shaping the region.

Civil War Stories The Washington Post 2014-01-15 This fascinating compendium examines the legacy of the War Between the States. At the Washington Post, the Civil War has held an enduring fascination for both readers and writers. Raging from 1861 to 1865, the War Between the States has left a lasting imprint on the United States's collective psyche for 150 years. Civil War Stories: A 150th Anniversary Collection aggregates historical data with contemporary reflections, as journalists and historians put the bloody war into context: A timeline of Lincoln's candidacy—and what may have happened if he had lost the election An ode to West Virginia, which abandoned Virginia rather than secede from the Union The obstacles faced by emancipated slaves Women in the federal workforce—and disguised as men on the battlefields The modern anti-slavery crusade of Frederick Douglass's great-great-grandson Personal stories of tragedy and triumph still resonate today. From biographical histories to examinations of the war's legacies, Civil War Stories: A 150th Anniversary Collection is a unique compilation of stories of when our nation was divided.

Maritime History at the Crossroads Frank Broeze 1995 This volume seeks to critically review the contemporary state of maritime historiography, as it stands at the volume's publication date of 1995. The volume is comprised of thirteen essays, each focused on the recent research into the maritime concerns of a particular geographical location, listed as follows: Australia; Canada; China; Denmark; Germany; Greece; Ibero-America; India; the Netherlands; the Ottoman Empire; Spain; the United States; and a final chapter concerning historians and maritime labour in Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. One concern made evident by the collection is the lack of stable identity and cohesive aims within maritime history, the subject holds many conflicting definitions and concepts. The purpose of this volume is to explore the recent developments in maritime history, plus the

growth of scholarly interest, to provide a 'beacon and stimulus for future work' and to clearly direct and define maritime historiography toward a solid position in the field of history. Historical Dictionary of the Civil War Terry L. Jones 2011 The Civil War was the most traumatic event in American history, pitting Americans against one another, rending the national fabric, leaving death and devastation in its wake, and instilling an anger that has not entirely dissipated even to this day, 150 years later. This updated and expanded two-volume second edition of the Historical Dictionary of the Civil War relates the history of this war through a chronology, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries on persons, places, events, institutions, battles, and campaigns. This book is an excellent access point for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about the Civil War.

Off the Beaten Page Terri Peterson Smith 2013 Blending literature and travel, this book offers a look at 15 U.S. destinations featured in the works of famous writers. Designed as a guide to help avid bibliophiles experience, in person, the places they've only read about, award-winning journalist Terri Peterson Smith takes readers on lively tours that include a Mark Twain inspired steamboat cruise on the Mississippi, a Devil in the White City view of Chicago in the Gilded Age, a voyage through the footsteps of the immigrants and iconoclasts of San Francisco, and a look at low country Charleston's rich literary tradition. With advice on planning stress-free group travel and lit trip tips for novices, this resource also features beyond the book experiences, such as Broadway shows, Segway tours, and kayaking, making it a one-of-a-kind reference for anyone who wants to extend the experience of a great read.

Disaster on the Potomac Alvin F. Oickle 2009-11-27 For passengers of the steamboat Wawaset, August 8, 1873, began with a pleasant cruise from Washington, D.C., down the Potomac River. As the Wawaset came into sight of a small Virginia landing, fire broke out below decks, and frantic passengers leapt from the flames only to be pulled down by the swift waters. Author Alvin F. Oickle puts a human face to the tragedy as he profiles some of the seventy-five who perished, among them young mother Alethea Gray and six members of the Reed family. With a fast-paced style and firsthand accounts, Oickle masterfully narrates the last run of the Wawaset against the backdrop of a tense post-Civil War society.

To the Battles of Franklin and Nashville and Beyond Benjamin Franklin Cooling 2011-07-20 By 1864 neither the Union's survival nor the South's independence was any more apparent than at the beginning of the war. The grand strategies of both sides were still evolving, and Tennessee and Kentucky were often at the cusp of that work. The author examines the heartland conflict in all its aspects: the Confederate cavalry raids and Union counter-offensives; the harsh and punitive Reconstruction policies that were met with banditry and brutal guerrilla actions; the disparate political, economic, and socio-cultural upheavals; the ever-growing war weariness of the divided populations; and the climactic battles of Franklin and Nashville that ended the Confederacy's hopes in the Western Theater.

Ship Ablaze Ed O'Donnell 2008-12-30 The true story of one of the greatest tragedies in New York history On June 15, 1904, the steamship General Slocum was heading from Manhattan to Long Island Sound when a fire erupted in one of the storage rooms. Faced with an untrained crew, crumbling life jackets, and inaccessible lifeboats, hundreds of terrified passengers--few of which were experienced swimmers--fled into the water. By the time the captain found a safe shore for landing, more than 1000 people had perished. It was New York's deadliest tragedy prior to September 11, 2001. The only book available on this compelling chapter in the city's history, Ship Ablaze draws on firsthand accounts to examine why the death toll was so high, how the city responded, and why this event failed to achieve the infamy of the Titanic's 1912 demise or the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. Masterfully capturing both the horror of the event and heroism of men, women, and children aboard the ship as the inferno spread, historian Edward T. O'Donnell brings to life a bygone community while honoring the victims of that forgotten day.

General John A. Rawlins Allen J. Ottens 2021-08-03 No one succeeds alone, and Ulysses S. Grant was no exception. From the earliest days of the Civil War to the heights of Grant's power in the White House, John A. Rawlins was ever at Grant's side. Yet Rawlins's role in Grant's career is often overlooked, and he barely received mention in Grant's own two-volume Memoirs. General John A. Rawlins: No Ordinary Man by Allen J. Ottens is the first major biography of Rawlins in over a century and traces his rise to assistant adjutant general and ultimately Grant's secretary of war. Ottens presents the portrait of a man who teamed with Grant, who submerged his needs and ambition in the service of Grant, and who at times served as the doubter who questioned whether Grant possessed the background to tackle the great responsibilities of the job. Rawlins played a pivotal role in Grant's relatively small staff, acting as administrator, counselor, and defender of Grant's burgeoning popularity. Rawlins qualifies as a true patriot, a man devoted to the Union and devoted to Grant. His is the story of a man who persevered in wartime and during the tumultuous years of Reconstruction and who, despite a ravaging disease that would cut short his blossoming career, grew to become a proponent of the personal and citizenship rights of those formerly enslaved. General John A. Rawlins will prove to be a fascinating and essential read for all who have an interest in leadership, the Civil War, or Ulysses S. Grant.

"My Brave Mechanics" Mark Hoffman 2007 An important and little-known chapter of Michigan's Civil War history, drawn from the letters, diaries, and regimental records of the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics regiment.