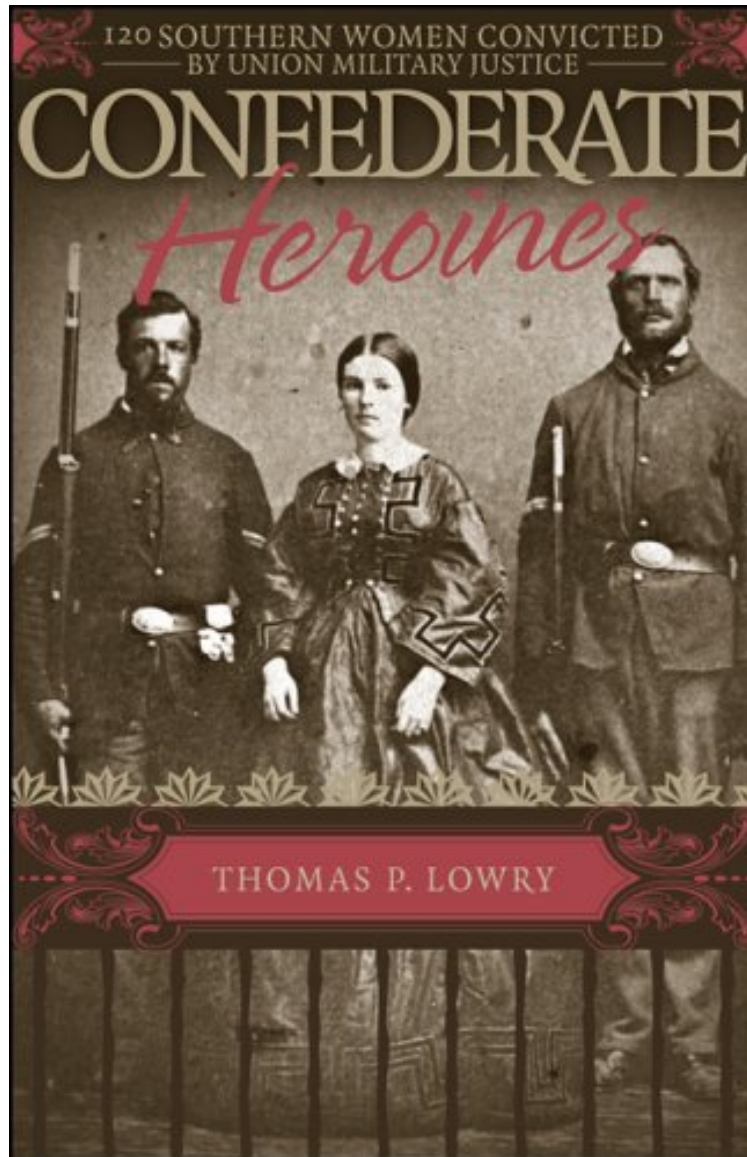


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Thomas P. Lowry : Confederate Heroines: 120 Southern Women Convicted by Union Military Justice before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Confederate Heroines: 120 Southern Women Convicted by Union Military Justice:

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found the following review helpful. Unearthing A Hidden HeritageBy Ralph H. PetersThis is a superb work for those interested in long-buried facets of our Civil War. Although the great number of publications dealing with the general subject might make one think that there are no new pastures to plow, Dr. Thomas Lowry has been pioneering one new field of research after another, from the "dark side" of Civil War medicine to the way courts-martial records illuminate--and round out--the moonshine-and-magnolias approach that still infects so much popular history-writing. I was bemused to read that one reviewer found this something of a "Lost Cause" book, since Lowry more often has written from the Union point of view; the point is that he's fair and serious--and easily the most creative, brilliant, innovative researcher at work today in the field of Civil War studies. The professoriat, buffs and lay readers alike owe Lowry a series of enormous debts. I believe I've read every one of his books and no author has taught me more about the period. This hard-facts volume about the roles played by Confederate women (including not a few eccentrics and dubious characters) in championing their cause deepens our understanding--whether our sympathies lie north or south of the Mason-Dixon line. You have to go straight to the Official Records to get information of this depth and quality. As for any academic criticism of Lowry--who was a career psychiatrist before devoting his life to this subject--it's pure jealousy. Lowry and his wife (who aids in his research) have done the tough, grinding archives-crunching that academics claim to respect but too-often shun in fact. This fine volume is the straightforward, unadorned truth about the American Civil War (think Joe Friday goes to Natchez). Very highly recommended for all serious students of the period, as well as for general readers who delight in seeing things from a fresh point of view.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you love the American Civil War, read this oneBy Rightwing PatriotI love history and this book fit right into my love for the civil war time period. Everyone should read this

During the Civil War, southern women fought a war within a war. While most of their efforts involved legal activities, many women in the Confederacy challenged Federal authority in more direct and dangerous ways. Here are their stories, many in first-person testimonies.

From Publishers WeeklyLowry (Don't Shoot That Boy: Lincoln and Military Justice) recounts the exploits of women who broke the law to serve the South. These feisty Scarlett O'Haras spied, smuggled medicine and cut telegraph wires. Even women who didn't intentionally help the Confederacy are included: prostitutes spread venereal disease that made Union soldiers "that much less of a threat to the men in butternut and gray." As the title suggests, there is more than a little lost cause Confederate patriotism in this book; Lowry praises the women as "heroic," but never grapples with the fact that their daring deeds were acts of treason against the U.S. government. A retired psychiatrist, Lowry doesn't bring the questions of a trained historian to bear, nor does his prose transcend the workaday. Nonetheless, this book is remarkable for the amount of research it represents--the author and his wife, Beverly Ann Lowry, slogged through transcripts of over 80,000 Union military trials, and they have done Civil War buffs a great service by digging up so many accounts of Confederate women's wartime activities. 4 bw photos, 1 line drawing. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistPsychologist and amateur historian Lowry has certainly done his homework. After poring over some 75,000 federal court documents pertaining to Civil War-era military trials, he extrapolates fascinating profiles of 120 women who were convicted of crimes against the U.S. army or government. Labeling all these women "heroines" is a bit of a stretch; a few were prostitutes convicted of spreading venereal diseases among the Union troops; nevertheless, these brief accounts detailing smuggling, spying, and sabotage provide an alternative to the more familiar representation of passive Southern womanhood. Although lacking in analytical historical perspective, this study will provide Civil War scholars and feminists with plenty of previously uncharted information, and casual readers will enjoy some of the more remarkable exploits. Margaret FlanaganCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reservedFrom the AuthorI had to admire the pluck and derring-do of these Flowers of the South, even when over-done, as in the case of Mrs. Robert E. Lee, who came to the defense of a Ranger who had killed a clerk while robbing a convenience store. The notion of sensitive ladies fainting away was abolished in these military trials of civilian women.