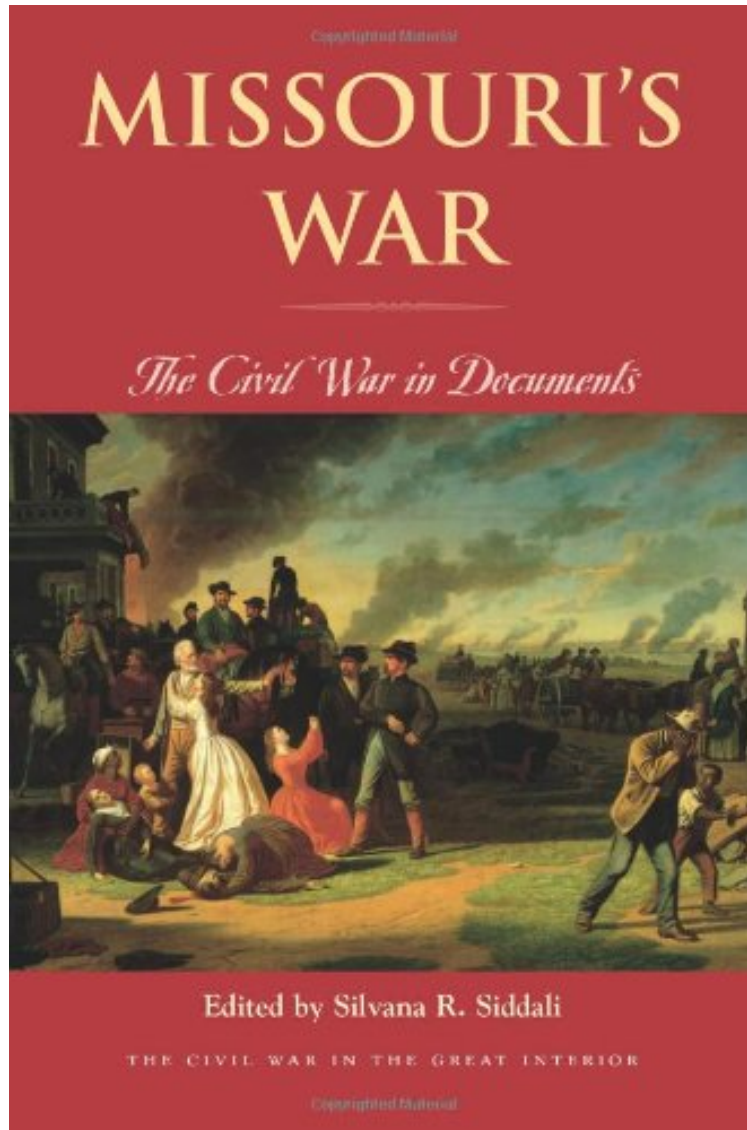


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**From Ohio University Press : Missouri's War: The Civil War in Documents (Civil War in the Great Interior)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Missouri's War: The Civil War in Documents (Civil War in the Great Interior):

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were either written, created, or used in the time period being studied. For the Civil War, historians are blessed with a plethora of written documents. This book by Silvana Siddali is a collection of those documents that deal with the American Civil War here in the State of Missouri. Siddali is an assistant professor of history at Saint Louis University and author of *From Property to Person: Slavery and the Confiscation Act, 1861-1862*. This is great resource for use in the classroom. While the use of digital media is perfectly acceptable in the Information Age, it helps for students to have the documents in an easily accessible location. My experience teaching has shown me that many students will do almost anything to avoid actually reading the documents. Documents are important for historians to work with. Many people do not understand how historians develop their interpretations. One of the goals I have in my classroom is to use primary source documents so that students can see the actual words of the people of the past, and not just the interpretations of historians. This way students can use the documents to consider why the people of the past acted in the way they did. This book is a good resource for that purpose. I have found this to be a quite useful tool for my own research as well. It is definitely not the sum total of all documents dealing with the subject. No book could hold them all. Yet, it is a worthy cross-section of the documents. Siddali begins with the issue of slavery which dominated the politics of the era and drove the conflict between Americans that would later result in the Civil War. From there she explores the division of the state's peoples which is a fascinating subject of its own. I find that too many people focus on the battles or guerrillas instead of the people themselves. The actions of the people would be the ultimate deciding factor for which side would control the state. That leads to documents that explore how civilians saw the conflict. My current research is in this area as it applies to Northeast Missouri. That is an area that has seen little research, but is interesting in its own right. Siddali focused on the state wide view which is understandable. No area of the state was exactly like another area. Everyone differed which is perfectly normal for people to do; just see modern Missouri today. Students often realize this after studying documents and it helps to expand their knowledge and understanding of why things happened in the manner which they did. I like the book and the documents. I don't see any serious flaws with it. Siddali used very good sources. The only drawback I see with it would be to have included more individual correspondence such as letters from civilians although the book does have a good selection of it. All in all, I am happy with the book and will be using it when I develop a course on Missouri in the Civil War. I used this book in Dr. Jeremy Neely's course on Coursera, Missouri's Civil War and found it useful in that. So, if you are studying Missouri and the Civil War, this is definitely a book you should consider getting.

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Civil War Missouri stood at the crossroads of America. As the most Southern-leaning state in the Middle West, Missouri faced a unique dilemma. The state formed the gateway between east and west, as well as one of the borders between the two contending armies. Moreover, because Missouri was the only slave state in the Great Interior, the conflicts that were tearing the nation apart were also starkly evident within the state. Deep divisions between Southern and Union supporters, as well as guerrilla violence on the western border, created a terrible situation for civilians who lived through the attacks of bushwhackers and Jayhawkers. The documents collected in *Missouri's War* reveal what factors motivated Missourians to remain loyal to the Union or to fight for the Confederacy, how they coped with their internal divisions and conflicts, and how they experienced the end of slavery in the state. Private letters, diary entries, song lyrics, official Union and Confederate army reports, newspaper editorials, and sermons illuminate the war within and across Missouri's borders. *Missouri's War* also highlights the experience of free and enslaved African Americans before the war, as enlisted Union soldiers, and in their effort to gain rights after the end of the war. Although the collection focuses primarily on the war years, several documents highlight both the national sectional conflict that led to the outbreak of violence and the effort to reunite the conflicting forces in Missouri after the war.

“Missouri's War is well suited for classroom and reference use, and deserves placement in personal and institutional libraries. Students of the middle western states's roles in the Civil War should look forward to the publication of future volumes in the series. Recommended.” — Civil War Books and Authors blog