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## The Slopes of War Details

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## Ashley says

This is the civil war novel whose title I always forget. Memorable only because the main character strikes up a romance with her first cousin and that was hilarious when I was 13.

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## Little House says

This was a book that I read to my girls for school. It jumped around so much that we all had trouble following it. Those who are really into the Civil War, may enjoy it more than we did.

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## Books Kids Like says

The residents of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania never dreamt that war would come to their quiet town, but it does. The Army of Virginia and the Army of the Potomac converge on Gettysburg at the end of June 1863. The people of Gettysburg watch as the Union and the South fight for three days. It is a battle marked by fierce fighting and great bravery. The homes, the churches, and the schools of Gettysburg are filled with wounded soldiers from both sides. There are men dying in the fields and barns. In three days, the quiet town is turned into a scene of carnage. This battle has particular significance for the Summerhill family. Buck fights for the Union while his cousins, Custis and Mason, are rebel soldiers. Perez writes a poignant story that tells about the human cost. It's one of my favorite historical fiction books about the Civil War.

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## Cinque' Maspn says

The Slopes of War is a wonderful Gettysburg novel written by N.A. Perez. This book is great for civil war learners all ages, this is a little gruesome but really realistic. Buck Summerhill, is a young soldier from West Virginia, faces the the Battle of Gettysburg knowing that his two cousins, Custis and Mason, may be fighting against him in the Army of northern Virginia. I learned that the north was very strait minded about having the north win. "Ma'm may i buy some bread and butter from you, the young soldier said while pulling out confederate bonds, i'll pay much for it. Well i'm sorry that money is no good up here, the girl said." This book is very descriptive I recommend this book to any civil war lover.

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## Elena Chamberlain says

N. A. Perez is rocking this whole really sad historical fiction gig, to be sure.

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## **AnnaScott says**

This was a rather disappointing book for me. I jumped around so much I lost track of characters and never spent much time with any one person, the war scenes dragged on and on and on, and the ending was odd. I did not like that Custis died in the end, and the only thing that even started to redeem that was the captain's potential romance with Bekah at the end. There, my rant is over. Outside of the dragging battles, jumpy storyline, and annoying ending, it was a good book full of historical information. It just felt like the author tried to cram too much info into a short book, as well as pull in the stories of several fictional characters. Too much going on!

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## **Cat \*living for the One who breaths life into me\* says**

just not my style. it was for school and i just didn't like the writing. but then again, i am a kid reading this. history is my fav subject and all but . . . this book just wasn't 'wow' for me. i didn't like the chacaters and i honestly don't really want to learn about Gettersburg. some of the Civil War stuff was kinda annoying. but it isn't my fav part of history.  
well, needless to say i just didn't like it :(

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## **Karielle at Books à la Mode says**

i sort of want to stab this book

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## **Milana Waller says**

The only thing good this book did for me was give me extra credit.

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## **Angela says**

I thought that this book was really good. I was sort of confused by who was telling the different parts of the book, and it is kind of sad since it is talking about war and stuff, but other than that it was okay.

Buck Summerhill is part of the Union Army, while his family is living in Gettysburg. I got to read points of view of his younger brother Leander, and his sister Beckah, who are taking care of their mother, and also housing a soldier, who had been wounded. I also got to read the point of view of Buck's cousin Custis, who is fighting against them. It's a sad story since Custis dies in the end, and I wasn't too thrilled about that. I also think that there was just too much crammed into this book. I was really confused about where I was, what was happening.

It was really nice that in addition to the fictional characters, you also had real characters who actually existed mentioned in this book. I'm really glad I got to read this book. I really liked it.

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### **Sarah says**

This book is about the battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. It is really engrossing and exciting, but it has a sad ending.

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### **Melrose says**

This book was very poor. The author was jumping from person to person so much that I hardly knew who was who.

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### **Ashley Cobb says**

This is an "historical fiction" retelling of the Battle of Gettysburg. The author tells the story mainly through the eyes of fictional characters from both sides of the war although real figures appear in the story. The tale is hard to follow at times as you are jumping back and forth between several characters and it is hard to keep straight who is who, largely because the book is relatively short (about 200 pages) to have so many "main characters" involved. My greatest criticism of the book however is the oversimplification of the cause of the war. The author pegs slavery as the chief concern. While that is what is taught in most schools, I think it overlooks the larger issues. One of the most ironic parts of the book is a quote from General Meade, commander of the federal forces at the time, who states to President Lincoln after the union victory, "he would look for greater efforts to drive from our soil every vestige of the presence of the invader" A curious statement from a man whose forces had already spent nearly three years of invading the south. That said it is an okay read with some very gripping scenes.

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### **Phillip says**

This book is more Young Adult, but I found it on my shelf and thought worth reading. It is historical fiction, but follows the war as accurately as I could discern. If you would like a very easy read, this book is it. I started and finished it in one day.

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### **Jen says**

Read this with the 13yo as part of his American History curriculum and we both really enjoyed it. Told from multiple POVs, *The Slopes of War* is a compelling story that gives readers a view of the Battle of Gettysburg from both the Union and the Confederate sides, and often, within the same family. There are glimpses of Grant, Lee, and even President Lincoln.

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