

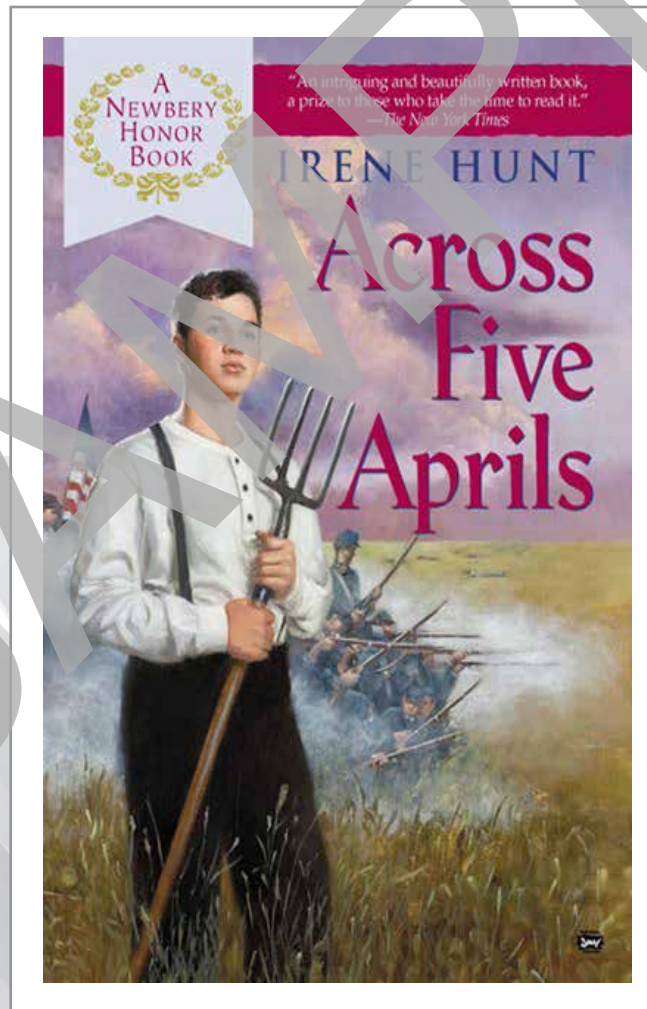


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**Directions:** On the next page is a map of the United States with places that figured in the Civil War marked by letters. Write the letter next to the description that matches it.

- \_\_\_ 1. Antietam; the creek near which the famous Civil War Battle was fought near Sharpsburg, MD
- \_\_\_ 2. Springfield, IL; where Lincoln was born
- \_\_\_ 3. Atlanta, GA; taken by Union general Sherman on his march through Georgia
- \_\_\_ 4. Richmond, VA; capital of the Confederacy
- \_\_\_ 5. Bull Run; early Civil War battle was held here in Virginia, with Confederates repelling Union forces.
- \_\_\_ 6. New Orleans, LA; taken by Union forces under Admiral Farragut
- \_\_\_ 7. Shiloh, Tennessee; town where Union scored a victory in 1862
- \_\_\_ 8. Harper's Ferry (then Virginia, now West Virginia); where abolitionist John Brown seized the U.S. Armory a year and a half before the Civil War began
- \_\_\_ 9. Kentucky; the state Ellen Creighton comes from originally and where much of her family remains
- \_\_\_ 10. Gettysburg, PA; Union forces won a major victory here (Shad was wounded) and three months later Lincoln gave his Gettysburg address.
- \_\_\_ 11. Fort Sumter; the spot in South Carolina where the Civil War began
- \_\_\_ 12. Appomattox, VA; where the Civil War officially ended with Lee's surrender and signing of the terms of peace at the Appomattox Court House
- \_\_\_ 13. Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee
- \_\_\_ 14. Washington, D.C.; Union capital; Lincoln assassinated at Ford's theatre here
- \_\_\_ 15. Newton, IL; (town near the Creightons' farm)

*As you read Chapter 10, try to “hear” the voices of John, Shad, Jenny, Ross, and Jethro as you read their letters.*

### **Chapter 10**

1. Who wins the Battle of Chancellorsville? Which of the characters in the story is there?
2. How is Eb treated by the other soldiers when he returns to the war? How does he feel about being back?
3. Why does General Grant become increasingly unpopular? Which battle makes him a hero once again?
4. What is the capital of the Confederacy? Why might the Confederacy deliberately allow it to be taken by Union troops?
5. Who wins the Battle of Gettysburg? How long is it?
6. Which character is seriously wounded at Gettysburg? How does he end up in Washington?
7. Where do Ross and Jenny go on the train? Are you surprised that Jenny’s father and mother allow her to go?
8. How is the new teacher different from Shad? Why doesn’t Matt make Jethro go to school?
9. What do Jenny’s parents say when she asks permission to marry Shad? Are you surprised?
10. How does Jenny spend her time in Washington?
  - \* Have you ever felt anything like the way Jenny must have felt as she traveled toward Washington, not knowing whether Shad was dead or alive?
  - \*\* How long do you think Jenny and Shad will be gone? Do you think that Shad, Eb, and John will all return alive?

*As you read the next chapter, pay attention to the way the “mood of the country” rises and falls and rises again.*

### **Chapter 11**

1. Who is known as the “Rock of Chickamauga”? Why?
2. What happens at Missionary Ridge? Who gives a first-hand account of how it was scaled by Union troops?
3. What is the proclamation of amnesty and how do people react to it?
4. Which Democratic candidate runs against Lincoln in 1864?