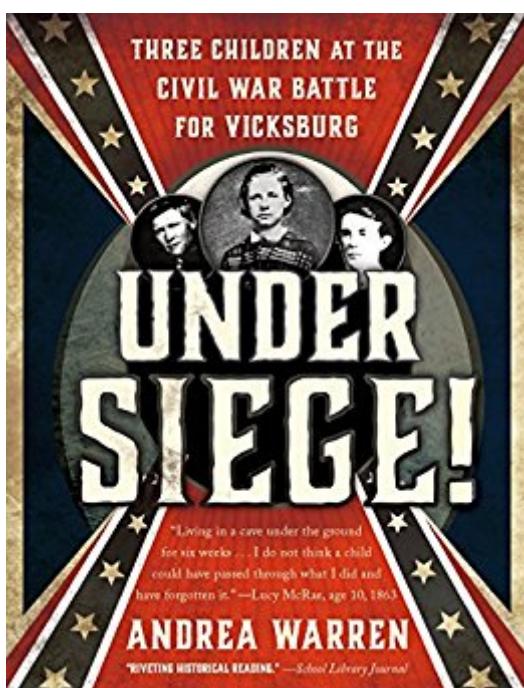


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# Under Siege!: Three Children At The Civil War Battle For Vicksburg



## **Synopsis**

Meet Lucy McRae and two other young people, Willie Lord and Frederick Grant, all survivors of the Civil War's Battle for Vicksburg. In 1863, Union troops intend to silence the cannons guarding the Mississippi River at Vicksburg — even if they have to take the city by siege. To hasten surrender, they are shelling Vicksburg night and day. Terrified townspeople, including Lucy and Willie, take shelter in caves — enduring heat, snakes, and near suffocation. On the Union side, twelve-year-old Frederick Grant has come to visit his father, General Ulysses S. Grant, only to find himself in the midst of battle, experiencing firsthand the horrors of war. "Living in a cave under the ground for six weeks . . . I do not think a child could have passed through what I did and have forgotten it." — Lucy McRae, age 10, 1863 Period photographs, engravings, and maps extend this dramatic story as award-winning author Andrea Warren re-creates one of the most important Civil War battles through the eyes of ordinary townspeople, officers and enlisted men from both sides, and, above all, three brave children who were there.

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## Customer Reviews

It was a required reading from school. My daughter said it's so boring and complicated.

Our spring vacation trip (March 2011) took us east from our home in Texas: we toured plantations in Natchitoches, Louisiana; antebellum homes in Natchez, Mississippi; and finally the national battleground in Vicksburg. I started preparing for the trip to Vicksburg shortly after Christmas by reading a couple excellent accounts of the campaign. I bought *Under Siege!* initially for my fifteen-year old daughter, and she did indeed like it very much. My wife, daughter and I took turns reading the book aloud at home and passing it around to share the excellent pictures and maps. We finished reading it on the drive from Dallas to Vicksburg. Although I got it for my daughter initially, I have to say that my wife and I both enjoyed it and learned a lot from it too, and I found it to be an excellent complement to the more objective military history I was reading.

Very well written and told in a narrative that is captivating and keeps you wanting more. I wanted a book that told about the siege of Vicksburg in simple terms for a short presentation. This fit the bill, but I can't wait to give it to my grandson when he is older, since my g-g-g grandfather fought in the Civil War and was one of those Confederates captured and paroled at Vicksburg.

Bought this for my 8 Yr old grandson. His 3x great- grandfather was captured by Union forces at Vicksburg. Great account of what happened by the view of children.

Quick shipping. Item as described

It got confusing telling about three people during the war. I wouldn't know who we would be talking about sometimes.

Given in preparation for a trip thru Vicksburg/He is enjoying the book very much and learning a lot for a 10 year old.

Excellent book! My grandson who does not like to read could not put it down.

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