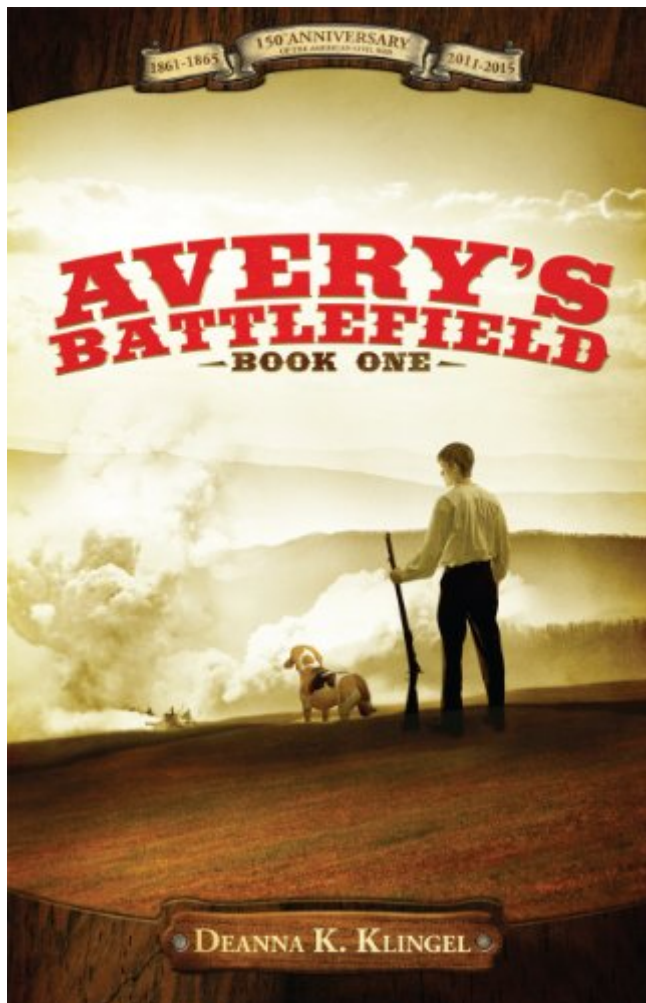


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# Avery's Battlefield



## Synopsis

Avery's Battlefield, by Deanna K. Klingel, is a historical fiction novel for young adults about a boy, a dog, and their search for peace in the first years of the Civil War. Avery and his dog, Gunner, have a good life in Kanawha Valley--a loving family, a prosperous farm, and a warm community of friends. But when the long unrest between the North and the South ignites into war, Avery's peaceful world is shattered. His father, brother, and uncle leave home, each drawn away by the war. Soon Avery and Gunner must begin a dangerous journey that will take them across the paths of people on both sides of the struggle.

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## Customer Reviews

A 14 yr old Avery from Virginia begins his journey as a boy. Through witnessing the atrocities of war first hand and staying true to his beliefs he is forced to become a man. The underlying theme of doing the right thing is sometimes the hardest thing of all to do is a great reminder for all. I especially enjoyed reading about the ingenuity used by people of that period. The main characters are well

defined and at times I could see Gunner the dog in my minds eye running through the hospital encouraging the patients. This book is an enjoyable read for young and old. I can't wait for the next one!

This was a wonderful book concerning the era of the Civil War. Well written and giving some insight to the Times. It gives insight to those students of the junior high age group with appropriate subject matter and language. Nevertheless it is nice reading even for adults. It would be excellent additional reading for students for students while studying that period of our history.

This is a great book for students to read while they are studying the civil war. It is an easy read and very enjoyable!

Good book...!

Excellent story! Great gift for our grandson. He loved it!

A great example of historical fiction. Good reading for young adults and old adults alike. Can't wait for the next installment!

I liked the history. The dog could be a little more realistic, but overall, it is a good story. I will order book #2.

This is the kind of book I would have devoured as a young kid (tween and teen years). Taking place during the Civil War years, the main character being a teenage boy who went adventuring. This is the story of Avery Junior Bennet, he leaves his home at the start of the Civil War to go find his Uncle to bring him back to his Aunt who is expecting their first child. The reason Avery decides to do this is because both his father and older brother are gone, and he feels compelled as the Man of the house to protect his aunt, very noble feelings and one I think are good. During Avery's travels he utilizes the medical skills his mother has taught him his whole life, he has a talent for medicine and his grandfather was one of Boston's great doctors. So Avery makes himself indispensable and ends up working in a hospital in Alexandria Virginia, where he asks the wounded soldiers about his uncle. On his way to Alexandria he runs into an old flame of his aunts who is a General and helps ease Avery's way and looks out for the boy to the best of his ability. Eventually Avery finds out about his

uncle and then returns to his family. With plans to return to Alexandria the following spring to help out at the hospital and then in the fall to enter a medical school in Richmond. The characters are likable, and with the exception of sending a 14/15 year old boy out into the world during a war, fairly realistic. I like the fact that Avery and his family were not perfect, they exhibited human emotions like fear, anger and temper. But they also were shown trying to master those emotions, to always try to do your best, and to realize that when times are at the worst to not forget prayer. Having a 15 year old son myself I do not see him being as mature as Avery was portrayed and being able to handle the travel and hardships that Avery faced. But that I think is the mother in me, and a sign of the times I do believe that during that time period children matured faster. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys the Civil War period, and adventure stories with young teens. I would like to thank BJU Press for a copy of the book, and for the opportunity to read such a great book. Thank you

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