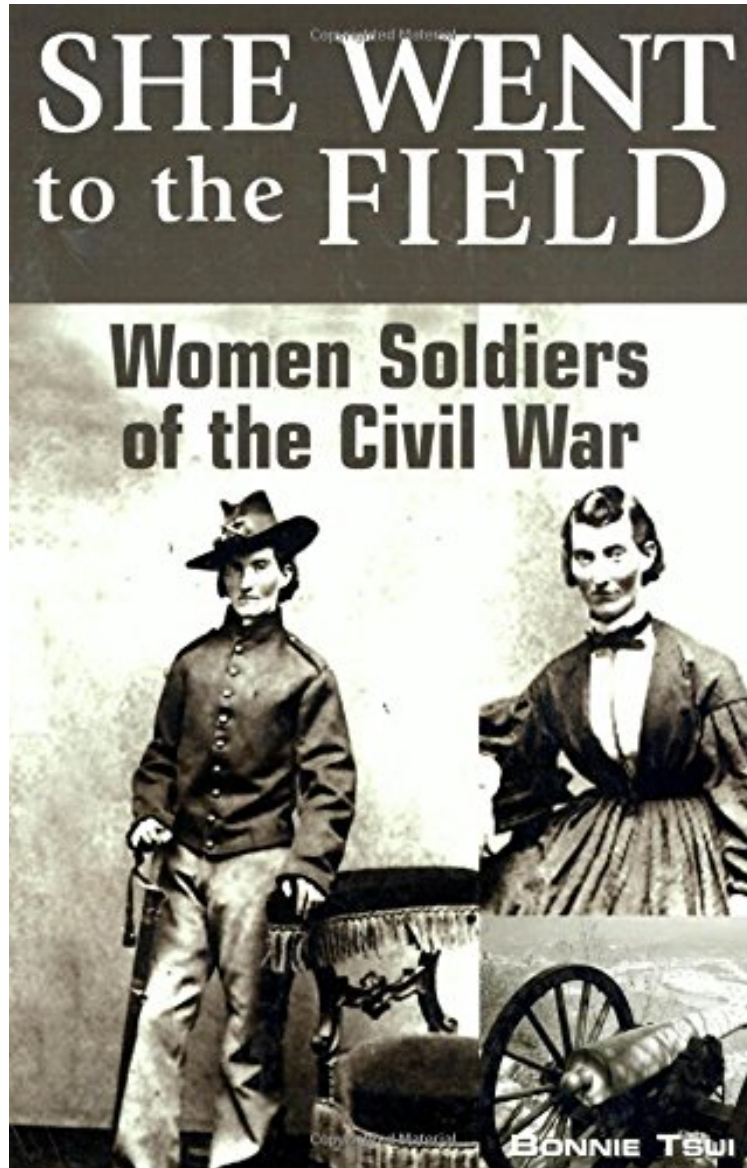


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This exciting new volume profiles several substantiated cases of female soldiers during the American Civil War, including Sarah Rosetta Wakeman (aka Private Lyons Wakeman, Union); Sarah Emma Edmonds (aka Private Frank Thompson, Union); Loreta Janeta Velazquez (aka Lieutenant Harry T. Buford, Confederate); and Jennie Hodgers (aka Private Albert D. J. Cashier, Union). Also featured are those women who may not have posed as male soldiers but who nonetheless pushed gender boundaries to act boldly in related military capacities, as spies, nurses, and vivandieres ("daughters of the regiment") who bore the flag in battle, rallied troops, and cared for the wounded. Examining the Civil War through the lens of these women soldiers who fought in the conflict offers valuable insight on existing historical work. This volume will acquaint readers with these women, offering in-depth biographies and behind-the-scenes information. While drawing from recent academic work, *Women Soldiers of the Civil War* is a lively text geared toward the general-audience reader.

From Publishers Weekly "From my early childhood," wrote Loreta Janeta Velazquez, aka Confederate Army Lieutenant Harry T. Buford, "Joan of Arc was my favorite heroine." Inspired by the Maid of Orleans's zeal for the glorious fields of battle, Velazquez/Buford, as well as the other women profiled in this collection of short biographies, had an often-overlooked influence on the course of the Civil War. While some of Tsui's subjects are nurses, spies and genteel abolitionists whose fighting was done more in drawing rooms than on battlefronts, most chapters recount the tales of cross-dressing warriors who hid their gender beneath either blue or gray uniforms. They were, according to the author, infatuated with the glory of war and driven by a patriotic quest. That's as far as Tsui goes, however, in illuminating her subjects' motivations. Aside from the cursory mention of lovers, families and death-defying moments, she does not delve deeply into the psychology of these unusual soldiers. (Tsui admits that these women did not leave behind many personal testimonies, save for a few memoirs and diary entries.) There is plenty of information, however, about how women served the war effort. From the "daughters of the regiment," an informal group of camp-followers, laundresses and nurses, to the vivandieres, food vendors and morale boosters whose presence among the troops was rooted in a Napoleonic tradition, the dynamism with which women served among the ranks is well documented. Tsui rounds out her book with profiles of valiant nurses, like Clara Barton, as well as of abolitionists-turned-spies Elizabeth Van Lew and Harriet Tubman. Using a swift, efficient prose style, Tsui, a magazine writer and editor, assembles her facts into competently written summaries. In the end, this thorough but dry historical account succeeds in stoking our desire to learn more about these brave women. 13 bw photos. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Back Cover *She Went to the Field: Women Soldiers of the Civil War* tells the little-known, true stories of the brave women who boldly challenged gender boundaries during The War Between the States. Whether disguising themselves as male soldiers or participating in related military capacities as spies, nurses, and vivandieres, these heroic women deserve to be recognized both for their contributions to the war and to women's rights.