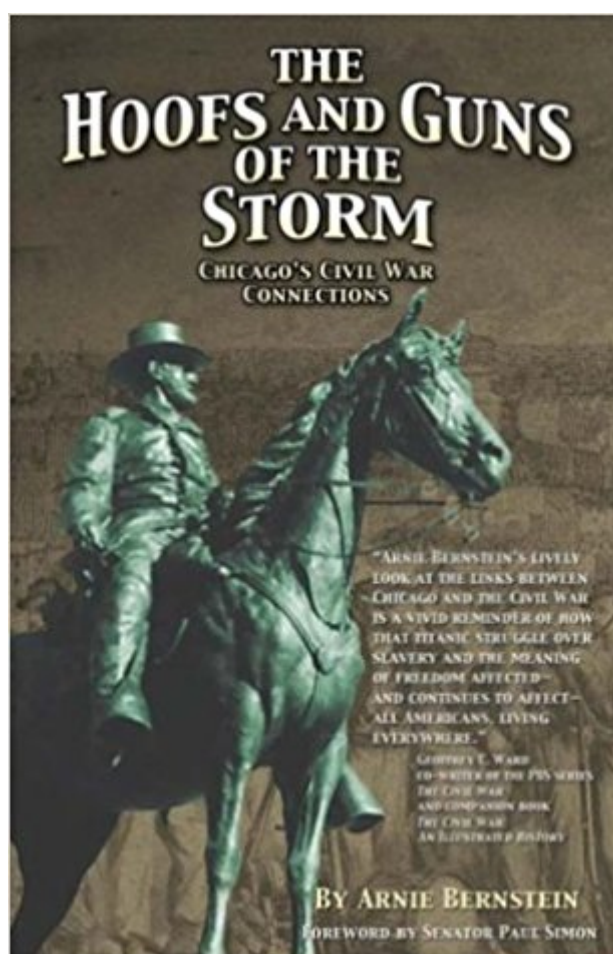


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The Hoofs And Guns Of The Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections (Great Lakes Connections: The Civil War)



Synopsis

Chicago: The Northern Center of the Civil War While America's Civil War was fought on Confederate battlefields, the northern center of Chicago played numerous crucial roles in the Union's struggle towards victory. *The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm* takes you deep into this 19th-century whirlwind. Go inside the "Wigwam" where a well-orchestrated political strategy led to dark horse Lincoln becoming the 1860 Republican Party presidential candidate, an unexpected nomination with profound impact on American history. Explore the profound impact the city had on Abraham Lincoln and his family. Find out the story behind Mary Todd Lincoln's exile to Chicago following her husband's assassination. Was she truly insane or did her eldest son, rising businessman and attorney Robert Todd pull strings to have his mother put away? The real tale is filled with Shakespearean complications and intrigue, a tragic story of a family destroyed in the aftermath of the patriarch's murder. Lincoln's skill as a lawyer, his public appearances, and his funerary services in Chicago's City Hall, are all detailed in this comprehensive section devoted to America's 16th president and his connections with Chicago. Meet other important figures in Chicago's Civil War history, including Lincoln's political and personal Senator Stephen A. Douglas; Joseph Medill and Wilbur F. Storey, two newspaper publishers with very different takes on the war effort; Mary Livermore, a tireless force and fundraiser for the Northern cause; Elmer Ellsworth, a Chicagoan and the Union's first casualty; freed-slave and abolitionist John Jones; and George F. Root who gave the Union troops and civilians inspiration through song. Delve into the seamy side of Civil War-era Chicago, a notorious hotbed of sex, gambling, and street-corner shootouts. Go backstage at the popular McVicker's Theater, where an actor named John Wilkes Booth gave blunt and prophetic opinions on President Lincoln. Witness the hell on earth that was Camp Douglas, a corruption-riddled POW camp just south of the city where more than 6,000 Confederate prisoners died of disease, torture and inhumane conditions. Was Chicago ever in danger of a Confederate attack? The surprising answer combines cloak-and-dagger plotting with a ragtag band of woefully incompetent conspirators. Chicago abounds with Civil War memorials and statues. Here's an opportunity to see these monuments in a new light, as Bernstein details the history behind these city landmarks. Get a detailed guide to Graceland, Rosehill and Oak Woods, three Chicago cemeteries with considerable Civil War links. Packed with historic and contemporary illustrations, an appendix of Civil War resources, and the reprint of a revolutionary tract demanding equal rights for African-Americans. See modern Chicago through the prism of its Civil War past.

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Arnie Bernstein received a first place (Midwest) American Regional History Publishing Award for his first book, *Hollywood on Lake Michigan: 100 Years of Chicago and the Movies*. He later edited "The Movies Are": Carl Sandburg's Film Reviews and Essays, 1920-1928, bringing to light an overlooked and little known aspect of the great poet and Lincoln biographer's writing career. Bernstein lives and writes in Chicago.

Arnie Bernstein's new book is a fascinating look at Chicago's Civil War history. The book is both a compilation of interesting anecdotes and a guide to Civil War-related locations in Chicago. Students of Abraham Lincoln's life will want to examine the sections on Lincoln's Chicago connections, as well as the sad history of Mary Todd Lincoln during her stay in the city. Other prominent Civil War figures appear in Bernstein's book, including Ulysses Grant and Phil Sheridan. The story of a

cemetery where thousands of Confederate prisoners of war are buried is one of the most poignant in the book. Readers may be intrigued to know that one of the prisoners, a Mississippian, was the great-great grandfather of President William J. Clinton. A surprisingly informative work, *The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm* is a very useful guide book, and a welcome addition to Civil War literature

As a person born and raised in Chicago I really enjoy this volume of excellent detective work. I heard so many times from people in the area that "...this happened here/somewhere," or "...this was here I think at sometime." Just vague rumors of where historic scenes occurred. Now I have the exact locations of such famous shrines as the original site of Camp Douglas. The location of the Crosby Opera House. Where the Lincoln's lived. The place where Mary spent much of her time as an inmate, and so on. Very interesting tid-bits of local history and trivia abound in this masterfully executed book. I would not wish to be a Chicago area, history/Civil War enthusiast without it. It will stay in my car, and I see more than a few weekend local trips approaching in the near future.

The Hoofs And Guns Of The Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections by Arnie Bernstein is an exciting compilation of history and trivia concerning Chicago's role in the American Civil War. Historical maps, and region-by-region analysis of different facets of Chicago and its connection to both President Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War itself make *The Hoofs And Guns Of The Storm* a fascinating trip through time and a unique contribution to the growing library of Civil War Studies reference materials.

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