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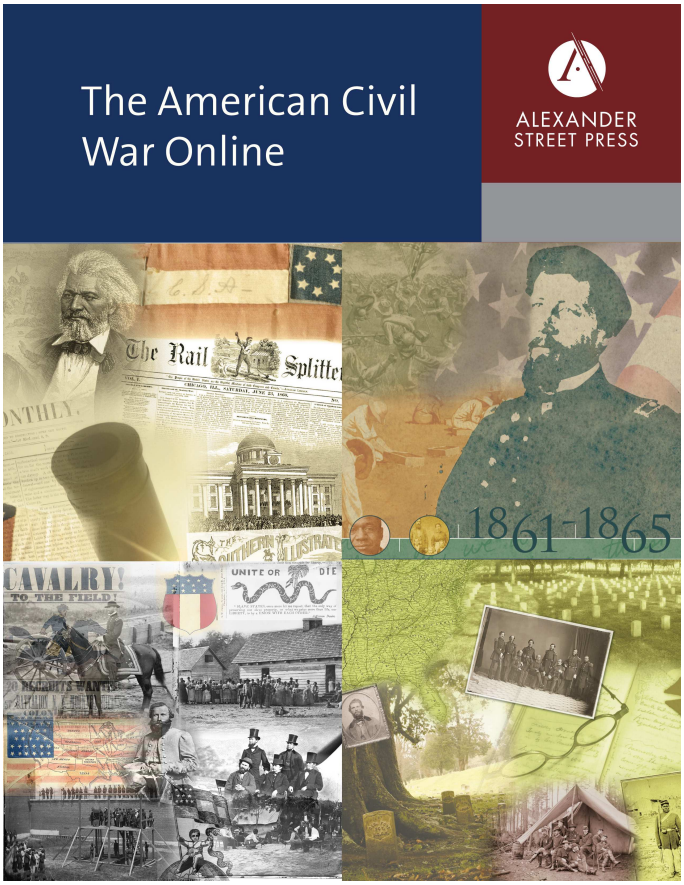

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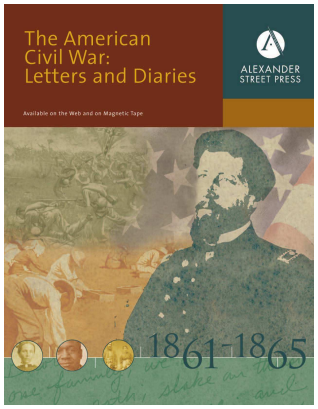
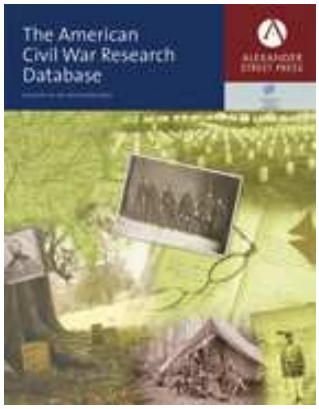


Perhaps the most exciting descriptions of events during the Civil War are to be found in first-person accounts. ***The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries*** provides detailed, firsthand descriptions of historical characters, glimpses of daily life in the army, anecdotes about key events and personages, and tales of sufferings at home, written for private consumption. The writings provide an immediacy and a richness that are unmatched in public sources. *The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries* knits together more than 400 sources of diaries, letters, and memoirs, to provide fast access to thousands of views on almost every aspect of the war. This extraordinary electronic collection includes 100,000 pages of re-keyed and indexed text, including 4,000 pages of manuscript material that has never been published before, in facsimile form. You can see and compare, for the first time, the writings of politicians, generals, slaves, landowners, seamen, wives, foreign observers, and even spies. The letters and diaries are by the famous and the unknown, giving both the Northern and the Southern perspectives.



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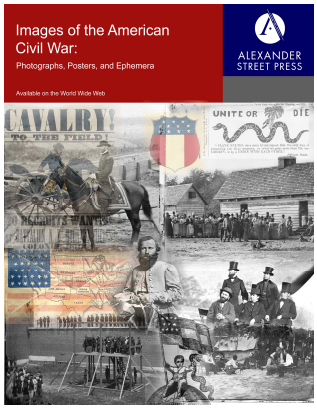
The American Civil War: Photographs, Posters, and Images is a richly indexed collection of more than 50,000 photographs, prints, and other visual materials that illustrate the experience of Americans in a time of national crisis. Included are photographic portraits of Civil War officers and enlisted men, recruitment posters from the North and South, illustrated envelopes and *cartes-de-visite*, etchings and engravings representing battle views and key historical events, satiric cartoons from a wide range of periodicals, and hundreds of rare stereographs. Collectively, these items offer a vivid glimpse of American popular culture in the 1850s and 1860s—reflecting attitudes toward national heroes and villains, revealing evolving definitions of patriotism and just dissent, and providing invaluable information on prevailing forms of popular education and entertainment. Alexander Street is working together with historical archives, to make the hidden content in their collections more accessible than ever before.



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