

Hello Fellow Booklover:

If you are like me, you've read or seen hundreds of fantasy/vampire/zombie novels for young readers over the last decade. That's why it's so refreshing when a well-written piece of historical fiction comes across my desk. I'm so pleased to introduce you to *Rebel Raiders* by Lisa Trimble Actor. This middle reader chapter book is based on events during the Civil War that really happened to one of Lisa's ancestors, Cordelia "Dill" Dunbar.

In the summer of 1863, General John Hunt Morgan and his Confederate raiders rampaged across Indiana and Ohio in an effort to thwart the Yankees' ever-increasing advantage in the War Between the States. For a day and a night during the raiders' trek, the soldiers stopped at a small farm in Jackson, Ohio where the entire family was ill with diphtheria. It fell to young Dill, age 11, to cook breakfast for the 52 men *and* convince them to leave her family and farm unharmed.

Young readers will love this story of cleverness and bravery in the face of Morgan's Raiders. With the advent of the Core Curriculum, *Rebel Raiders* will make a nice fiction add-on to any studies of the Civil War. Thank you for taking the time to consider this new novel of one young girl's Civil War experience.

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