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Gr 5-8 According to the estimates of some historians, as many as 400 women fought in the Civil War disguised as men. One such woman was Emma Edmonds, 21 years old and Canadian born. She felt fiercely patriotic towards her adopted country, and was determined to fight for the Union. Not only did she serve as a field nurse, tending the wounded at the battle sites, but she also served as a Union spy. Reit has used Emma's own published memoirs (long out of print), research from the National Archives, and U. S. Army records. It should make for an exciting tale. Unfortunately, the finished product doesn't measure up to its promise. The style is far too episodic, with little unity between adventures, and not enough fleshing out of events. Some fictionalizing of dialogue and thoughts occurs. This is most likely to appeal only to those with a frenzied obsession with the Civil War. Elizabeth M. Reardon, McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Review

"The story is fast-moving, and Emma's spunk...is evident."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"This stranger-than-fiction story will captivate history buffs and hold the attention of the most reluctant reader."—Bank Street College of Education

"A suspense-filled account of a brave and loyal feminist."—*Booklist*

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