

Red Legs: A Drummer Boy of the Civil War



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The Civil War divided the United States and pitted North against South, brother against brother, and often children against children.

On the eve of a fateful battle, Stephen, a drummer boy in the "Red Legs" regiment, thinks of home and the fight ahead. The next morning, he beats "ratta-TAT ratta-TAT ratta-TAT TAT TAT" The Red Legs and the other Union soldiers fall into rhythm. They meet the Confederate army on the battlefield. Shots ring out. Cannons boom. The fighting has begun. Ted Lewin dramatically captures one of many battles waged in the bloodiest war fought on American soil. In this book he pays a moving tribute both to the brave Civil War soldiers and to the dedicated reenactors who preserve their memory.