

# Fire in the Straw: A Novel of the Civil War

Fire in the Straw is a historical novel by Philippa Gregory that tells the story of the Civil War from the perspective of a young woman named Ada Monroe. The novel was published in 2010 and has been translated into more than 20 languages.

Ada is a plantation owner's daughter who is forced to flee her home when it is burned down by Union soldiers. She ends up in a refugee camp, where she meets a young doctor named John Bryce. John is a Confederate soldier who is disillusioned with the war and wants to find a way to end it.

Ada and John fall in love, but their relationship is threatened by the war and the prejudices of the time. They must fight for their love and their beliefs in a world that is increasingly divided.



## Fire in the Straw: Notes on Inventing a Life by Nick Lyons

★★★★☆ 4.4 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 1042 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 240 pages



Fire in the Straw is a beautifully written and heartbreaking novel that tells a powerful story about the Civil War. The novel is full of rich characters and

vivid descriptions that bring the era to life. Gregory does an excellent job of showing the complex causes and consequences of the war, and the novel provides a moving look at the human cost of conflict.

- **Ada Monroe:** A plantation owner's daughter who is forced to flee her home when it is burned down by Union soldiers.
- **John Bryce:** A Confederate soldier who is disillusioned with the war and wants to find a way to end it.
- **Sarah Bryce:** John's sister, a strong-willed and independent woman who supports the Confederate cause.
- **Henry Monroe:** Ada's father, a wealthy plantation owner who is killed in the war.
- **Mary Monroe:** Ada's mother, a kind and caring woman who is devastated by the death of her husband.

Fire in the Straw is set in the American South during the Civil War. The novel begins in South Carolina and follows Ada and John as they travel through Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. Gregory does an excellent job of menggambarkan the landscape of the South and the impact of the war on the people and the land.

Fire in the Straw is a novel about love, loss, and the human cost of war. The novel explores the complex relationships between men and women, family members, and friends. Gregory also shows the devastating effects of war on individuals and society as a whole.

Fire in the Straw has received critical acclaim from both critics and readers. The novel has been praised for its rich characters, vivid descriptions, and

moving story. Gregory has been commended for her ability to bring history to life and to tell a powerful story about the Civil War.

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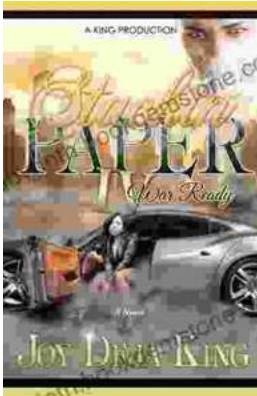


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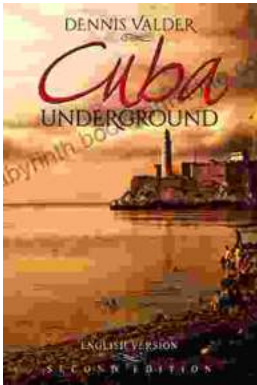
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