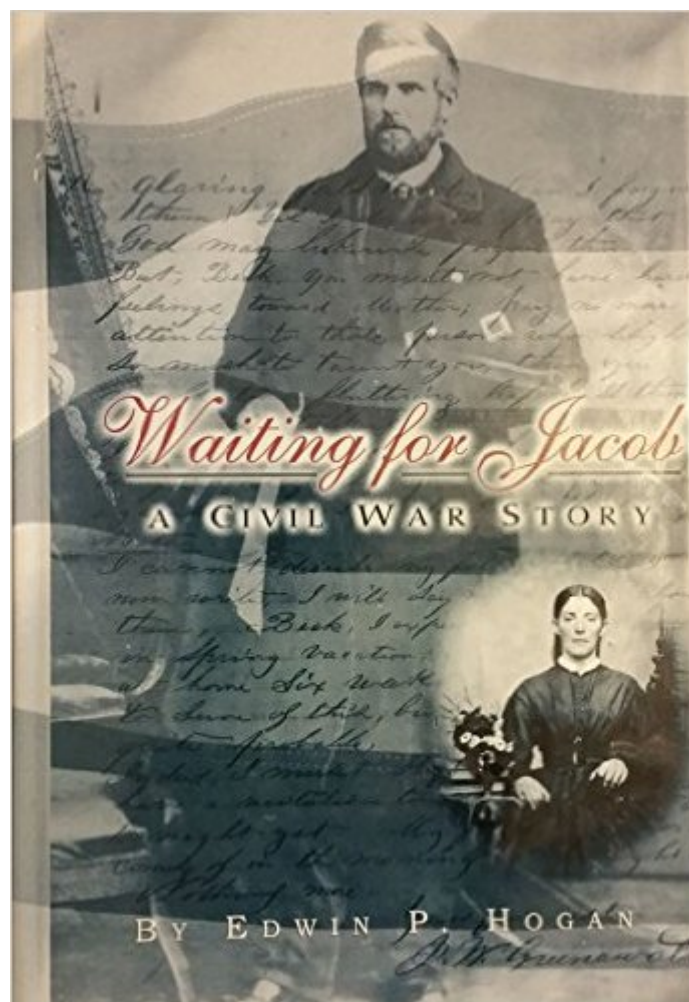


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I have read more than my share of Civil War books based upon letters and diary. Most of these volumes begin when the soldier goes to war and pens his first letter home and usually ends with the last letter written either before his muster out or death. *Waiting for Jacob*, however begins with Jacob's letters from college four years before the war. Letters in which he proclaims his love to his "young miss" as she waits for him at home. The letters amazingly do not end with Jacob's death in 1864, but continue two years later when the nurses that cared for the dying soldier once again reaffirm his love from statements made on his death bed to the grieving widow. I found these letters quite unique and moving, they were letters that keep Rebecca "alive" for the next six decades. The author attempts in this tome, successfully I might add, to weave together different story lines. The first drawn from a "first person" account of the last years of Rebecca, his Civil War widow. This passage is drawn from an interview with an elderly lady, who as a teenage that cared for Rebecca in her last years, as she waited not for Jacob but instead for death to rejoin her martyr husband killed 61 years before. He also vividly narrates the stories told by Jacob's letters. Letters that tell not only war but also of backstabbing fellow officers, and the senseless losses both on the battlefield and of disease caused by incompetent generals. It also included is a complete roster and some personal stories of the 100 men from his hometown of West Newton, PA who he recruits and leads

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