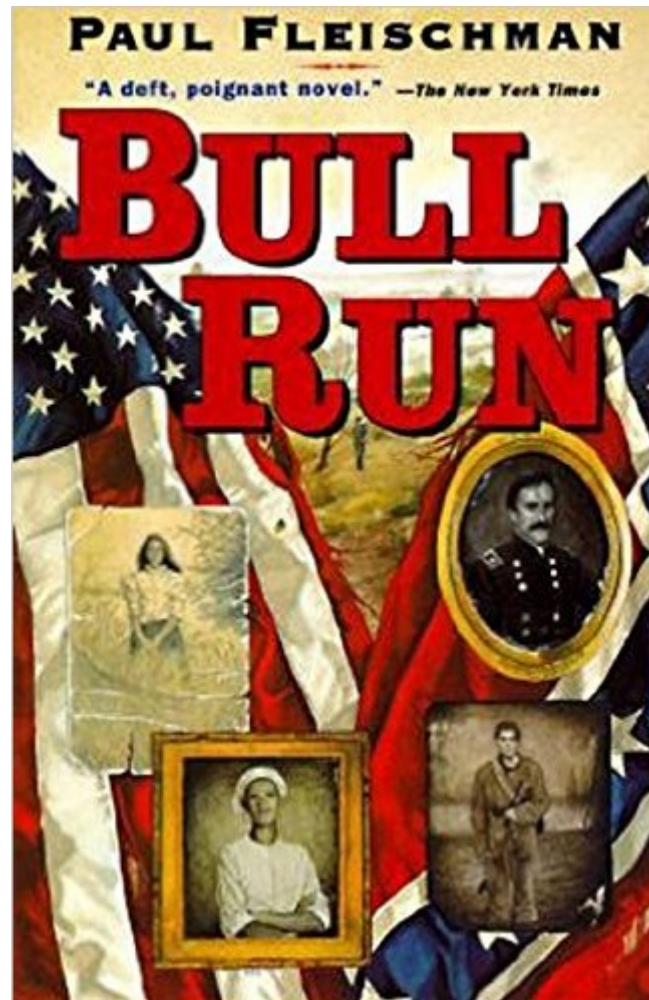


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# Bull Run



## Synopsis

Newbery Medalist Paul Fleischman's fictional treatment of this Civil War battle is an intimate and sweeping portrait of this period in human history. Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

You can accuse Paul Fleischman of a lot of things. Laziness is not one of them. When I told the kids in the bookclub I run that we were going to be reading something called "Bull Run" by a Mr. Paul Fleischman, they were quick to inform me that they were already familiar with him. "He's the guy who wrote, 'Joyful Noise'!", cried one delightedly. I agreed that this was indeed his best-known work but that, "Bull Run" was probably going to prove to be a little different from a poetry book of insect noises. This turned out to be a particularly foresighted statement when some concerned parents informed me that they were not comfortable with the violence of this book and would rather that their children not read it. I was caught a little unawares. I shouldn't have been. If you are one of those concerned parents, allow me to tell you that yes, there is violence in "Bull Run". Heck, you're not going to have a whole book about a single exceedingly bloody battle without some blood actually

making it into the text. However, the battle violence is brief and the story a compelling one. If you've a kid just hankering for the glories of combat, this should snap them out of THAT little fantasy right quick. The story follows the narratives of sixteen people. Some are black. Some are white. Some are men fighting against the South and some are women fighting against the North. Each voice is distinguished from its fellows and tells its own very particular tale. Sometimes these voices repeat within the book. Other times, they speak thrice and then vanish without a trace. People die, others survive, and some just linger on the sidelines. Most stories, however, end up at the Battle of Bull Run.

As America entered the Civil War, 16 men and women must survive as they and their loved ones go off to war. This compelling tale by Paul Fleischman talks about the hardships that had to be taken during the time of the Civil War. The story starts out with Colonel Oliver Brattle, a Southerner who is in the midst of battle. Then the story goes on to talk about Lily Maloy, a northerner whose brother had gone off to war. And the story goes on to talk about other characters, from the north and south, men and women, black and white. Also in the beginning it talks about the attack on Fort Sumter, and the movement of troops to Bull Run. You will notice that most of the story revolves around the march of troops to Bull Run. There are a lot of battles in this book. The battles usually revolve around the battles between the attack on Fort Sumter and the battle at Bull Run. Characters like Colonel Oliver Brattle, Shem Sugs, and Carlotta King were from the south. Other characters like Lily Malloy, Gideon Adams, and A.B. Tilbury were from the north. Though these characters were separated by the north and the south they had some of the same interests of either to stop war or going into war. As you read through the book you start to see the personality of each character, some of the personalities you can relate to. Dr. William Rye has a careless personality in some of the story. Toby Boyce has an independent personality along with a kid's personality. Hopefully you will find a character that has a personality that best fits you. I think that I'm most like Virgil Peavey. In my own opinion this novel is a good buy. It's my favorite book of 2006 and maybe 2007. It has great detail of the battle of Bull Run and is great for schools, but that is my own opinion.

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