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Description:

From Publishers Weekly First in a projected series, this brisk novel by the popular author of Sharpe's Devil follows the adventures of Nathaniel Starbuck, the rebellious and discredited son of a famous Boston abolitionist preacher. Nate flees the North after helping a femme fatale steal money she claimed was hers, winding up in Richmond as Fort Sumter falls and the Civil War begins. Unable to return home, distrusted by Southerners because of his parentage, Nate is taken under the wing of the mercurial and megalomaniacal Washington Faulconer, obsessed with building an independent army, answerable only to him, to fight for the Confederacy. Spanning the period from Sumter's capitulation in April 1861 to the First Battle of Bull Run in July, the book is well paced and filled with

the historical details genre fans demand. Cornwell is at his best in action sequences like Nate's near tar-and-feathering and the riveting climactic battle, which are described in taut, gripping prose. Cornwell's clear affection for the Old South in all its aspects will put off some readers, but his highly entertaining novel will appeal to many, especially in the South. 50,000 first printing; \$70,000 ad/promo; author tour.

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From Library Journal Running away from his abolitionist preacher father, Nate Starbuck arrives in Richmond as Fort Sumter falls. He becomes an aide to Washington Faulconer, who is raising a legion to defend the South. Nate falls in love with a gorgeous country girl, recruits her father for the legion, and learns just enough soldiering to "see the elephant" at First Manassas and look across the battle line at his brother. Cornwell, noted author of many historical novels (most recently Sharpe's Devil , LJ 5/15/92), provides an excellent depiction of the unrealistic attitudes held by both sides as the Civil War began. This first installment in a projected series featuring Starbuck is highly recommended for historicity, plotting, and general excitement. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 10/15/92.

- *Edwin B. Burgess, U.S. Army TRALINET Ctr., Fort Monroe, Va.*

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