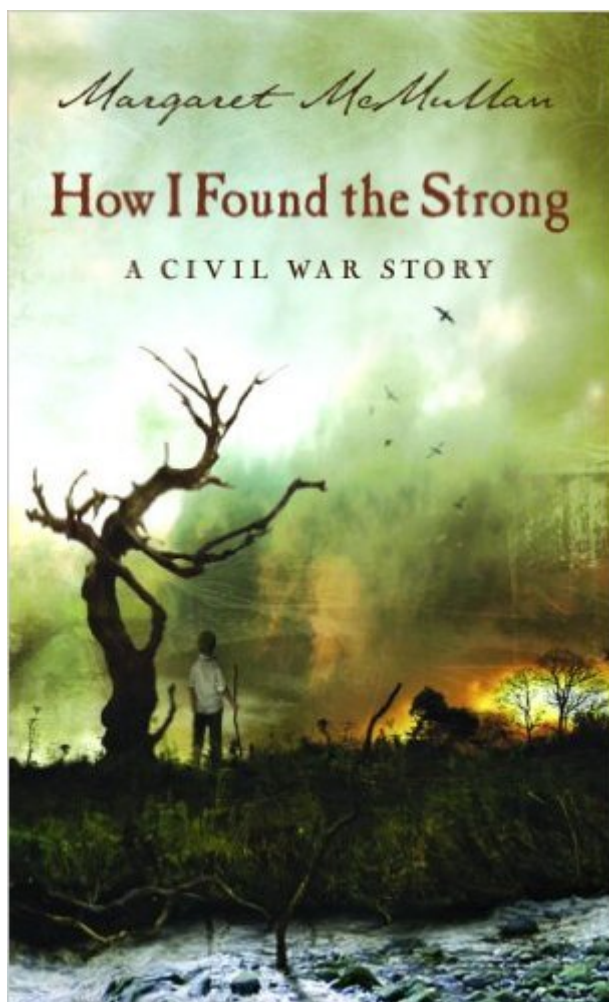


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# How I Found The Strong



## Synopsis

In 1861 Frank Shanks Russell wishes he was old enough to fight for the South alongside his pa and big brother. But Frank is too young, skinny, and weak, and is left behind with his mother and grandparents. Life in Mississippi was simple before the war between North and South. Now Frank's boyhood is gone forever, along with his dreams of heroic battles. The shortages and horrors of war reach his home as he scrounges for food and water, and sees both Confederate and enemy soldiers at their worst. As time goes by and Frank's friendship with Buck, the family slave, grows, he questions more and more who is the enemy and why the terrible war is being fought.

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## Customer Reviews

"There is blood splattered everywhere. All around us the soldiers use books as pillows, the pages red with blood. There are men with bandages over missing eyes, missing legs, missing hands, and missing arms. There are men with bandages wrapped around so much of them it looks to be that it's just those loose cotton rags, turned brown from the old blood, that are holding them together." Two soldiers tell Buck and me to step aside while they haul a man up front and lay him across a table that was meant to be a teacher's desk. A doctor with a bloody butcher's apron looks at the man's

arm, which is split open down the side, and the blood drains into the pool under the table. Just behind the table is a pile of arms and legs, legs that still have on socks and shoes like they are fixing to walk on out of there by themselves. The doctor picks up a saw."A reader might quickly note that things are different these days. That is true. War still results in missing eyes, missing legs, missing hands, and missing arms, but the wounded and dying are treated with much better drugs and much cleaner bandages in much better facilities. (And if they live, Halliburton will provide them a meal for which they charge US taxpayers an arm and a leg.)"We hear shouting and carrying on and we go have ourselves a look-see."Sheriff Matkin is locking leg irons around the ankles of one of our own men." 'Deserter.' Irene spits the word out. 'See him, the one with the red hair?'"I nod. The sheriff is attaching what looks to be a fifty-pound ball to his chain." 'He was fighting a battle at Wilson's Creek, in Missouri, standing right beside his best buddy, when a cannonball came and tore off his buddy's head. But I 'spec he's seen worse.

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