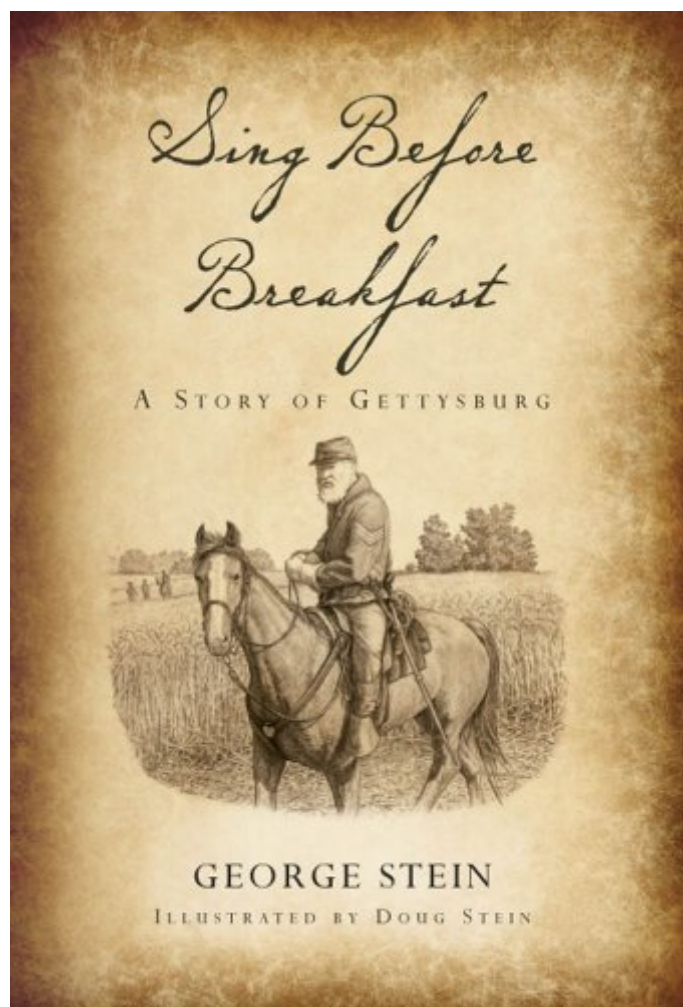


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# Sing Before Breakfast: A Story Of Gettysburg



## Synopsis

With a universal message on war, *Sing before Breakfast* is a historical fiction of stellar note, impressive allegory, and surprising tenderness. Powerfully wrought with painstaking accuracy, author and history buff George Stein realistically captures events of the American Civil War and its impact on civilians and their land. Through the eyes of a young boy, a nation is being forged.

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How do we study and pass on history so that we are not doomed to repeat it as Winston Churchill warned? The Battle of Gettysburg is such a huge topic. As the 150 anniversary looms this week I am hearing commentary after commentary about it. Today one passionate mom called in to a radio program asking HOW to pass on to her pre-teen son the "caring" about the Battle of Gettysburg that she had grown up with. She is grieved by the big yawns such topics elicit from young people in general and her son in particular. Half of my childhood was spent within driving distance of Gettysburg as has been half my adult life. I have appreciated the importance and significance of the historical battle and the geographic place, but I never could say I understood the "who struck John"

of it. George and Doug Stein's book has made it possible to experience those three days in ways I never had before. "Sing Before Breakfast" is historical fiction, a story of the highest order, told by an old man from his adult perspective on his memories of the battle as a 12 year old boy. Ries was an eye witness/participant to the war as his planned fishing day suddenly became something else when he got stranded by the raging battle. It was too dangerous for him to go home or indeed to go anywhere. Then because of his knowledge of the local terrain and his relative invisibility as a mere boy, he became very useful to the Union generals first as a reliable source of where to find water for the troops and then as a scout. From this position next to the center of Union power he could hear and later comment on the grown up decisions he observed and the unforgettable realities of death and dying on both sides.

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