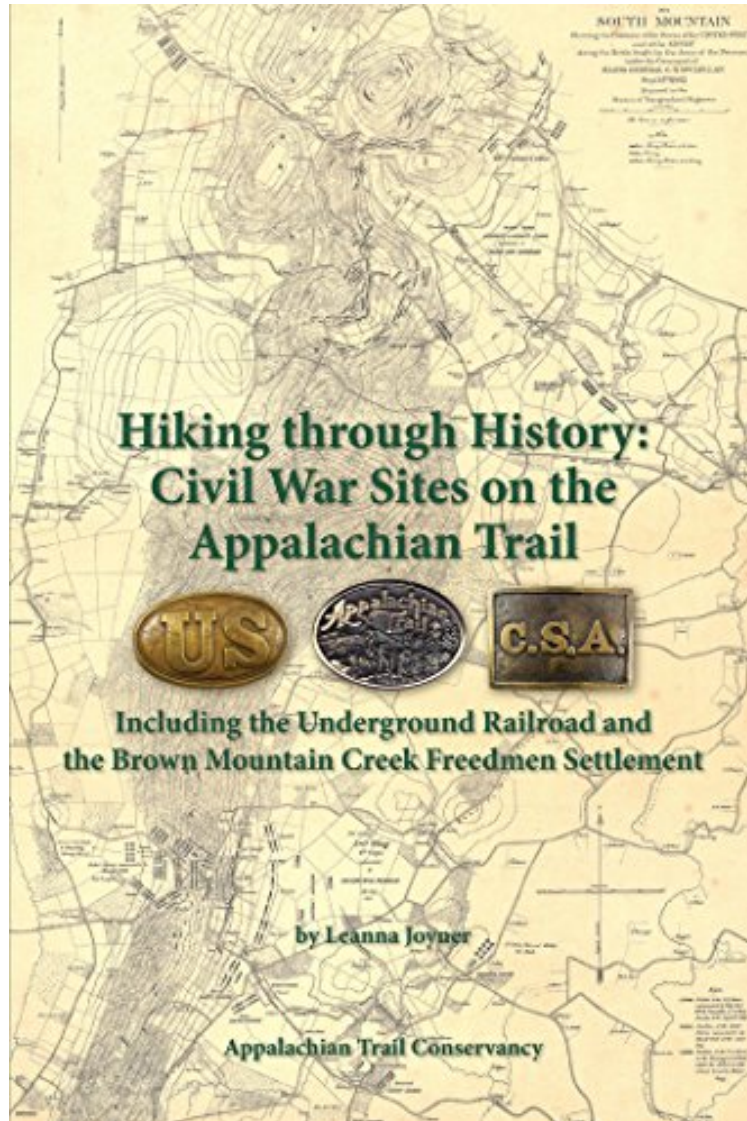


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She takes readers to many Civil War sites, where she explains the history in colorful, understandable language. She also tells you how to walk to the sites with clear instructions and color maps.... And I can't forget the photographs. The book is peppered with modern and historic pictures, many taken by Joyner.... If you want an excuse to dayhike the A.T. and learn some history, you can't do much better than to pick up this book. --Danny Bernstein -- HikerToHiker.com About the Author Leanna Joyner, who hiked the length of the Appalachian Trail in 2003, brought experience in publications and marketing to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, where today she manages volunteer-based crew and other trail programs in Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. As a consultant, she developed community-based programs for the conservancy and researched this guide to Civil War sites along a footpath perhaps more legendary for hiking exploits than history. She lives in the Asheville, North Carolina, area.