

Anna Hider and Julia Hider. *Badass Civil War Beards*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair Publisher, 2014. 92 pp. \$12.95. ISBN 978-0-89587-637-9.

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When one thinks of Civil War photography, Matthew Brady and his photographs of battlefields come to mind as do the many portraits of soldiers of the Union and Confederacy. Anna and Julia Hider have collected portraits of Civil War beards from various Library of Congress collections. *Badass Civil War Beards* looks at the wide variety of facial hair stylings (or lack thereof) of the war. Using humorous quips and puns, Anna and Julia Hider provide a light-hearted look at the beards of the day.

The book began as a blogging project but quickly grew. Anna (Syracuse University) and Julie (Ohio State University) finished the book during their final college semester. This book does not end the sisters' examination of Civil War beards as they continue profiling Civil War beards at <http://badasscivilwarbeards.tumblr.com/>.

This book is recommended for all who can grow facial hair or appreciate facial follicle creations. It provides both historical and hirsute information about the men who wear the beards. This book will be especially helpful to men who want to grow a beard but whose significant other objects to facial hair. After the men have pointed out some of the more extravagant styles and promised to maintain a carefully groomed beard, the significant other should relent in no time.

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