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"Hey there, girl! Your ma's a Yankee woman, ain't she?"

Mattie Elliott peered between the palings at the three boys on the dusty path beyond the fence. She had never been asked that in all of her nearly five years. Yankee woman! What did that mean?...

For Mattie's mother, Emily, a native of New York state, it means confusion and near despair when her gentle, artistic husband, William Elliott, goes away to fight for his beloved South in a war she cannot understand.

Left in the home of her brother-in-law, Albert Baker, another New Yorker, Emily joins in his struggle to protect their loved ones and save his business in the Alabama town that has been their home for a decade.

When Union forces take over Huntsville, real danger threatens. Frightened, anxious women seeking to care for their children find they can only make over, make do, and endure.

**Found Among the Fragments**, in its authentic setting and framework of actual events, faithfully mirrors the excitement and hardships of life in a Southern town during the Civil War. The characters are a delight to meet in their day-to-day activities; and the book's pages are inhabited by numbers of enchanting and lively children, who help to soothe away much of the heartache.

Here, too, is rare insight into the courageous lives of women during a time so troubled it can never be forgotten.