

*A Chain of Thunder* by Jeff Shaara

A gripping novel about the Siege of Vicksburg during the Civil War. Jeff Shaara is one of the best novelists I've read in presenting the conflict between the States, as well as WW II. Typical of Shaara, the book contains a variety of views: generals, foot soldiers, a nurse in Vicksburg. I missed the novel after I finished it – the mark of a very good book!

If you enjoy historical fiction about the Civil War, start with Shaara's *The Killer Angels*, detailing the story of Gettysburg. It's the best account of the battle that I've read, and the historical detail is absolutely accurate. For 2020, the novelist has a book out about Pearl Harbor, *To Wake the Giant*. I can't wait to read it and Eureka Public Library has a copy!