

A JANUARY INDIE NEXT PICK



"A feast for both historical fiction fans and those who like a mystery to their story, too. Rivers has given us **one of fiction's strongest female characters** in Placidia Fincher Hockaday." —LYNN PELLERITO RIEHL, *Nicola's Books*

"I was spellbound."

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"Perfectly rendered."

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"Few war stories are told with such fervor and understanding. **Highly recommended.**"

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"An **incredibly rewarding** read. It's an **original, engrossing, and suspenseful** novel. The Civil War-time letters beautifully—and heartrendingly—illustrate the hardships and conflicts faced by those who held down the homesteads while the husbands and sons were at war."

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"A blend of **page-turner** and meditative read. **I loved it.**"

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"This is sure to be the next great must-read Civil War novel. **I can't think of a winter release I'm looking forward to more.**" —JAMIE HOPE ANDERSON, *Duck's Cottage Coffee & Books*

"Placidia's letters detailing the horrors she faced weave **an intriguing tale** and draw in the reader with their intimacy."

—NONA CAMUEL, *CoffeeTree Books*

"My imagination was captured from the first page, and I was compelled onward till the last! **I loved this story!**"

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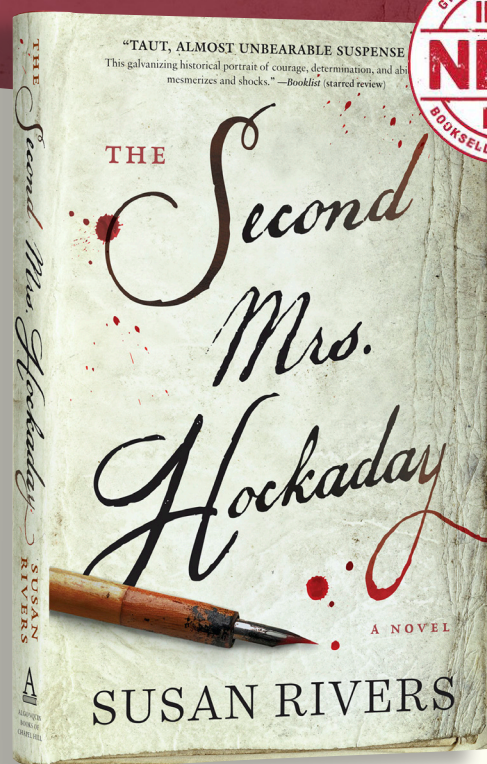
"A solid historical novel that's a very enjoyable read and **perfect for book clubs.**" —ROBIN ALLEN, *Forever Books*

"Unlike other Civil War novels, *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* focuses on those left behind. We are left to decide which was more difficult, the home front or the battlegrounds."

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"Compelling. **I couldn't put it down.**"

—ZORA DE BODISCO, *Book Booker*



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"I simply loved everything about this book. Any fan of historical fiction, novels about human failings, and **dialogue that is almost poetic** should read this book. **It is hard to believe this is a debut novel**, the writing is that wonderful."

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"I am still thinking about Placidia. Her steadfast resolve to do what is right is worth emulating."

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"Inspired by actual events, the characters and story that Susan Rivers has created are truly memorable, and *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* is a **unique and fantastic read.**"

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