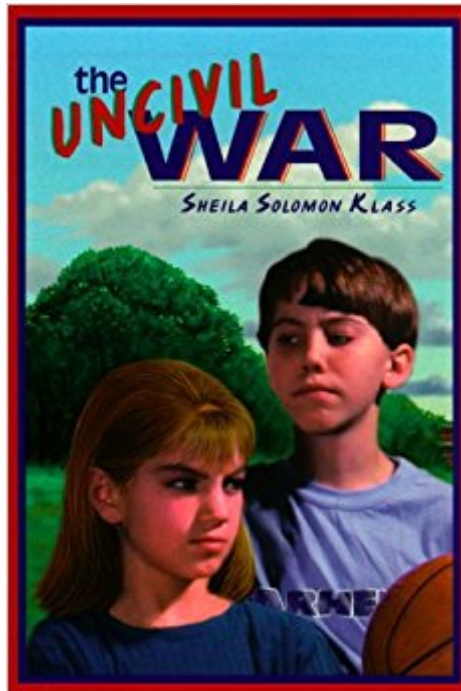


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# The Uncivil War



## Synopsis

Even with her father as principal, Asa Andersen is certain that sixth grade will be perfect, until a new boy in school starts making fun of her name and the baby her mother is expecting is born prematurely. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

PW said, "In this convincing, ultimately triumphant novel, the 12-year-old heroine wages battle on several fronts," including her weight problem and her overprotective mother. Ages 9-12. (Oct.)

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Grade 4-6?While Asa Alfifa Andersen would give anything to have an ordinary name, a mother who didn't stuff her with food, and a father who wasn't principal of her middle school, she basically likes her life. Then Southerner Robert Edward Lee arrives in her class and calls her "Fatso," and she decides to make some changes. Through the advice of a therapist, she conquers her weight problem and, after conspiring with her best friend, she stands up to her tormentor and beats him at his own game of bullying. However, when her brother is born prematurely, Robert shows his true colors and, eventually, he and Asa come to an understanding and end their "uncivil" war. Klass's characters are well drawn and have child appeal. Asa is funny and nervy on the outside but unsure of herself on the inside, while Robert is a tease who really likes her but won't show it. Asa's parents are sometimes a bit eccentric but loving. The plot flows smoothly and the girl/boy "games" and the subplot of Asa's baby brother's health problems will interest preadolescents. While perhaps not as

strong as Phyllis Naylor's *The Agony of Alice* (Atheneum, 1985) or Betsy Byars's *Bingo Brown, Gypsy Lover* (Viking, 1990), this book will find a ready audience among middle schoolers wanting to read about kids who face their problems with a little gumption and a lot of humor. Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan, LaSalle Academy, Providence, RI Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There was just a average girl that her father was the school principal, a mother that won't stop feeding her, and a boy name Robert Lee that won't keep on bugging her in school. When Robert kept on poking and making fun of her for no reason. When he calls Asa (girl's name) fatso, Asa decided that she couldn't take it anymore. Asa decides to take what is most precious to Robert and keep it forever to torture Robert. Asa wants Robert to get on his knees and say sorry for all the things he did to Asa, and also wants Robert to call Asa the Scandinavian Queen. Who will win the War of the Bulge? I liked the book very much because you always want to know what will happen next. This book is also really fun because sometimes it is really funny among Asa and Robert. It is also funny when Asa thinks is being overfed by her mom, and finally tells her that she is feeding her too much. Asa's mom always think that big is pretty, huge is gorgeous, and jumbo is adorable! My favorite part of the book was when Asa desperatley took Roberts Baseball card collection. That was my favorite part because Robert starts to beg Asa to give the Baseball card collection back. Finally, Asa gets the revenge that she had needed for a long time. Little by Little Asa starts to like the begging more, so she decided to keep the Baseball cards for alittle bit longer. But, Asa thought that she couldnt hold on to the baseball cards forever then she would have done more than what Robert had done to her.

The *Uncivil War* is a book I enjoyed after buying it from my school book fair. I'm glad I chose it because I wouldn't stop reading it. It took me 5 hours to read this FABULOUS, STUPENDOUS, WONDERFUL book. If there was a sequel, I'd get it! Sheila Klass writes wonderfully and I wish to read more of her books.

One of Sheila Klass's latest masterpieces "*The Uncivil War*" gives a description of a girl named Asa who is fighting two wars, one against her mother and the other against her classmate Robert Lee. And as if thats not enough her younger brother is born very premature. Sheila Klass gives a vivid description of Asa's class and her friends. And even the charachters like Asa's friend Felicia have stories tied to them. I reccomend this book to kids who are looking for an enjoyable, funny and

enthraling book.

It is about a girl who likes this boy and makes fun of her because she is fat. She gets depressed and gets over it and loses weight! You go girl!

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