

THE WAR OF WILLS



An Historical Drama by Todd Bull & Olivia Reedy

Real courage comes from knowing when not to surrender.

Against the sweeping backdrop of the Civil War, a volatile escaped slave is partnered with a cunning slave owner and compelled by Abraham Lincoln to defeat a rebel plot, but a horrific disaster forces him to learn from fearless warriors what it means to persevere."

Plot

When WILLIAM JACKSON, a slave and coachman for Confederate President Jefferson Davis, overhears a secret plan to use guerilla tactics to win the Civil War, he risks his life by escaping to the North with the news. Soon he's collaborating with ABRAHAM LINCOLN and becomes a covert assassin. Paired and trained with CHARLES WILSON, a former slave owner known as WILLS, the duo are forced to bond while wreaking havoc on the South.

As bodyguards for Lincoln, they're eyewitnesses to history, including General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Unable to protect Lincoln at Ford's Theater, William's rage turns towards TED WRIGHT, his sadistic former owner and leader of the Southern guerilla war plan.

William and Wills take up the hunt for Ted in San Francisco, his last known location. They get help from a young Chinese prostitute named SUN SU, and an eccentric local figure named EMPEROR NORTON. By double-crossing Ted, the team exposes Confederate plans to dominate California and commandeer a huge stash of treasure.

The trail leads them to the coast of Northern California, where William escapes the harrowing sinking of the famous BROTHER JONATHAN loaded with gold. Meanwhile Wills lays a trap for the Confederates inland with the aid of a band of freed slaves. The Union fighters win the battle and help bring to an end the epic struggle between North and South, but Wills is mortally wounded. With his last breath he urges William to "win the peace." In the aftermath, William dedicates his life to building a thriving community in California, embracing tolerance for all races.

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- Lincoln
- Dances With Wolves
- The Patriot
- Dead Man

Todd Bull

Todd is a veteran of over fifty dramatic productions, both as a performer and director. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State University. Todd produced the award-winning film, *Flight of the Heron*. He has written several other scripts with Olivia, including *War of Wills*, set against the sweeping backdrop of the Civil War, and *Singlewide Pride*, a crime drama involving a marijuana heist and real estate fraud.

Olivia Reedy

Olivia is a published author with more than a hundred book and audio titles on the market and in libraries nationwide. She is also a veteran voice over talent with a career spanning more than two decades, embracing both coasts. Olivia directed the award-winning film, *Flight of the Heron*. Her screenwriting work with Todd Bull includes *Singlewide Pride*, *Fawn's Justice* and *War of Wills*.

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