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**Untold Heroes of the Civil War: *The Clothesline Code***

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“Lucy Ann and Dabney Walker are American heroes. Their covert operations at the heart of the Civil War in Virginia should inspire all of us to do what is right instead of easy, find our courage when surrounded by danger, and spring into action when the way forward becomes clear. *The Clothesline Code: The Story of Civil War Spies Lucy Ann and Dabney Walker* sends that message, loud and clear.”

—Mary Belcher, historian

[Brandylane Publishers, Inc.](http://www.brandylanepublishers.com) of Richmond, Virginia, is proud to announce the upcoming release of [*The Clothesline Code: The Story of Civil War Spies Lucy Ann and Dabney Walker*](https://www.amazon.com/Clothesline-Code-Story-Dabney-Walker/dp/1951565576/ref%3Dsr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=clothesline+code&qid=1608575519&sr=8-1) written by [Janet Halfmann](https://www.janethalfmannauthor.com/), illustrated by [Trisha Mason.](http://www.trishamasonart.com) One year after escaping slavery, Lucy Ann and Dabney Walker used a clothesline code to steal Confederate military secrets and send them back to the Union army at great risk to themselves. This true story of sacrifice and bravery shows us that when we have courage and compassion for the world around us, even the simplest items can become powerful tools for change. *Clothesline Code* is scheduled for release on February 1, 2021.



**About the Author**

[Janet Halfmann](https://www.janethalfmannauthor.com/) is a multi-award-winning children’s author who strives to make her books come alive for young readers and listeners. Many of her picture books are about animals and nature. She also writes picture book biographies about little-known people of achievement. Janet has written more than forty fiction and nonfiction books for children. Before becoming a children’s author, Janet was a daily newspaper reporter, children’s magazine managing editor, and a creator of coloring and activity books for Golden Books. She is the mother of four and the grandmother of six. When Janet isn’t writing, she enjoys gardening, exploring nature, visiting living-history museums, and spending time with her family. She grew up on a farm in Michigan and now lives in South Milwaukee, WI. You can find out more about Janet and her books [on her website](http://www.janethalfmannauthor.com).

**About the Illustrator**

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**Interviews available upon request.**

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