



THE LADY AND THE OFFICER

By Mary Ellis

1. How is Madeline Howard victimized by both armies when the war comes to Cashtown, Pennsylvania?
2. Why does Richmond, Virginia—the capital of the Confederacy—seem like Madeline's only alternative when forced to relocate?
3. How does Eugenia's upbringing and home life differ from what Madeline experienced?
4. Elliott Haywood has a position of responsibility and authority in the Confederacy. Why does he assume the best about Madeline's integrity throughout the story?
5. Nothing goes right for General Downing in terms of courting Madeline. Why is it so easy for Major Henry to thwart his efforts and why would he choose to do so?
6. Madeline finds herself a spy quite by accident. How does living with the Duncans allow access to sensitive military intelligence?
7. Despite being the enemy, Colonel Haywood is a hard man to resist. What qualities make him so appealing?
8. The upper-class citizens of Richmond attempt to carry on as normal, despite the war creating privation among the poor and working class. How is that possible?
9. Why does Madeline participate in holiday festivities if her heart is with General Downing?
10. How does having a fishing boat make Captain George effective as a spy?
11. Madeline's visit to Culpeper to see General Downing cements their relationship. Why does she choose to return to Richmond?
12. Colonel Haywood endeavors to restore Madeline's reputation even if it jeopardizes his own. Why would he go to such lengths when she's in love with someone else?
13. What makes Kathleen O'Toole so determined to undermine Madeline?
14. Why is Aunt Clarisa loyal to her niece even after learning the truth about her activities?
15. Madeline's love for James and her patriotism for her country inspire her to steal documents for the Union Army. What causes her to lose her taste for espionage work?