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“TV at its best. A masterful, compelling achievement.”—*Variety*

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“The surprise of this series is how a progrogramme so still—based almost entirely on black and white photographs and the spoken word—can be more movingly cinematic than so much of the rest of television.”

—*The Times* (UK)

“A masterpiece of film and television. . . A landmark production.”

—*The Sunday Times* (Australia)

The Civil War, the Emmy® Award-winning series from Ken Burns, is now fully restored to high definition, achieving the optimal picture quality originally intended.

Hailed as a film masterpiece and landmark in historical storytelling, Ken Burns’s epic documentary brings to life America’s most destructive—and defining—conflict. Here is the saga of celebrated generals and ordinary soldiers, a heroic and transcendent president and a country that had to divide itself in two in order to become one.

Five years in production, this epic presentation of America’s bloodiest conflict has received widespread critical praise from reviewers and historians alike as a landmark in documentary filmmaking.

Producer and director Ken Burns researched over 60,000 archival images, along with period paintings, lithographs and newspaper headlines, and combined them with newsreels of veterans, live scenes and first-person narratives read by a chorus of extraordinary voices. They tell the dramatic story of the nation’s struggle to preserve democracy by erasing the stain of slavery, but at a cost of 620,000 lives. The actual historical record is more compelling and emotionally powerful than any fictional account could be.

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