

Sample Reviews of Recent Books Written by Scott McGaugh



Honor Before Glory

(Daring WWII rescue by Japanese-American soldiers)

“This non-fiction book is a well-researched look at an important WWII battle. However, it is also much more. McGaugh’s writing is solid and engaging, and he manages to bring the points of view of the American soldier, the Japanese-American soldier, and even the Germans into a much more complete picture than previously produced.” – **San Francisco Book Review**

“Kudos to McGaugh for his treatment of combat, racism, history, valor and the human condition. His is a well-written book worthy of attention.” – **Association of the United States Army**

“This is a testament to the bravery, courage, and sacrifice of the American soldier. “...Honor before Glory is a book worth reading. The story of the nation’s nisei families and their soldier sons’ battle experiences remains well worth telling as an example of extraordinary patriotism and courage in the face of reprehensible actions taken out of pain, prejudice, and fear.” – **Naval War College**

“Honor Before Glory is a worthwhile and very human look at a story that many of us know both well and not so well at all.” – **Densho**

“There are countless testimonials from American, Nisei, and German soldiers that are fascinating to read...Honor before Glory is worth the read as it is inspiring from a historical and human perspective.” – **Military Review**

Surgeon in Blue

(New York Times bestselling biography of Civil War Surgeon Jonathan Letterman)

“Scott McGaugh has just released his biography of Letterman, called *Surgeon in Blue*. [He joins NPR's Rachel Martin](#) to discuss the father of battlefield medicine, what conditions were like before he came along and the legacy he left behind.” – **NPR**

“McGaugh shines a light on the inspired and truly innovative efforts of this remarkable man who greatly improved the quality of care given to soldiers. For readers interested in something more in-depth, beyond the stories of major Civil War battles, this well-written book provides

insight into the efforts of one man working behind the scenes.” – **Washington Independent Review of Books**

“McGaugh provides telling details within a concise narrative to give Letterman's personal story the context necessary for appreciating his influence . . . By following Letterman from one bloody battle to another, McGaugh's well-researched book adds a sobering tone to the 150th anniversary of a conflict that advanced medical care at a terrible cost. ” – **Associated Press**

“Mr. McGaugh nicely blends a narrative of the contributions made by Dr. Letterman with the various battles fought...This book fills a neglected spot in our understanding of great advances in medical treatment during the Civil War.” – **New York Journal of Books**

“In addition to being an incisive portrait of the great doctor and leader, McGaugh’s history is a testament to the brave men to whom Letterman dedicated his life.” – **Publishers Weekly**

Battlefield Angels

Saving Lives Under Enemy Fire from Valley Forge to Afghanistan

“Instead of simply a dry history of facts and figures, McGaugh takes a unique approach to the subject by using profiles of various medics and corpsmen to tell the story of combat medicine. ...McGaugh has created an excellent book that should be well received by military history enthusiasts, especially for its much-needed contribution in shining light on the critically important but often overlooked work of combat medics and corpsmen.” – **Armchair General**

“Scott McGaugh has written a fantastic book on the history of the American military medical system. It is a story full of bravery and overcoming horrible conditions that have led to advances that save lives in combat and in ordinary life today. He delivers a narrative showing how the military medical service evolved from an ignored and understaffed unit composed mostly of men unfit to fight to a modern team of highly skilled and professional men and women.” – **Civil War News**

“McGaugh’s book is well researched from transcribed oral histories, first-hand accounts of events, official reports, and news items, and his research comes together in a lively blend of personal stories, facts, historical accounts, and overviews of medicine. His engaging narratives sometimes read like historical fiction...” – **Military Review**

"The writing is riveting. The profiles of those in the medical corps are compelling. The photo sections are equally moving." – **North County Times**

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