

Sending My Laundry Forward A Staff Officers Account Of The First Gulf War

When eighth-grade schoolteacher Roger Taylor turned forty, he decided to invest in a new set of wheels—a Honda Element, not the type of car you might expect from a man in a midlife crisis. But the car was just the catalyst for Taylor's real midlife adventure: a journey across North America and back again. In this unique portrait of a great American road trip, Taylor describes the breathtaking scenery, vivid experiences, and personal insights that framed his journey of self-discovery in the summer of 2003. From amusing stories of teachers camping in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, to an encounter with armadillos in Texas and a never-ending hike on the Appalachian Trail, Taylor reflects on somber moments within the still, serene places of the natural world and shares fascinating historical details about some of the most memorable tourist sites on the continent. His insights will lead you to appreciate the power of nature, the beauty of North America, and the value of reconnecting with family and self.

Take this wonderful journey back to the 1950's and learn all about what life was like at a Catholic boarding school and college! This compilation of letters written

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during the 1950's gives a detailed look inside Nazareth Academy and College in Nazareth, Kentucky. The following comment is from the author of the actual letters included in this book: I was given the opportunity to attend Nazareth Academy in 1951 and stayed for six years, graduating from Nazareth College in 1957. I consider this one of the greatest blessings of my life. Even after fifty plus years, the values and education I received from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are a part of my daily life. My stepmother, Rhoda Martin, saved all the letters I wrote home, an entire six years worth! I had so much fun "remembering" the people and events I had long forgotten. The letters give a glimpse into what life was like as a student in the Academy and College in the 1950's.

Dear Folks is a collection of letters written by a young soldier to his family during World War II from his first day at an Army Reception Center to his last, leaving Frankfort, Germany, Headquarters of the US Army of Occupation. These letters read like a diary depicting a GI's daily experience in basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, assignment as a clerk in a bureaucratic outfit at Ft. Meade, Maryland where daily hundreds of citizen soldiers were processed in anticipation of the D-day invasion, and the further adventures of this soldier in wartime Paris on assignment with the War Department Observers Board accompanying his Colonel who was on a special reporting mission covering the Armored Divisions

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in battles across Western Europe. The letters cover in astonishing detail the daily routine of the GI at two major military installations, the relatively luxurious life of a GI in recently liberated Paris and the less than glamorous life of the GI on the battle front following Pattons Army across Northern France and Germany with revealing accounts of local reaction to both Allied conquests and the final liberation of the city of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. Its an intimate history of World War II life and culture recording the popular music and movies of the time, the cost of common, everyday items of purchase and foremost, the general attitude to wartime life by both the GI and their civilian relatives. The very personal content of the original letters has been edited out but enough retained to reveal the close family ties of the soldier and the warm family support. This is history experienced by one teen-age soldier in World War II told in his own words.

A fiery and romantic adventure, perfect for fans of Grace Lin, Kristen Cashore, or Lisa See! Jade Moon is a Fire Horse -- the worst sign in the Chinese zodiac for girls, said to make them stubborn, willful, and far too imaginative. But while her family despairs of marrying her off, she has a passionate heart and powerful dreams, and wants only to find a way to make them come true. Then a young man named Sterling Promise offers Jade Moon and her father a chance to go to America. While Sterling Promise's smooth manners couldn't be more different

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from her impulsive nature, Jade Moon falls in love with him on the long voyage. But America in 1923 doesn't want many Chinese immigrants, and when they are detained at Angel Island, the "Ellis Island of the West," she discovers a betrayal that destroys all her dreams. To get into America, much less survive there, Jade Moon will have to use all her stubbornness and will to break a new path... one so brave and dangerous, only a Fire Horse girl could imagine it.

A Memoir in Letters: My Life on Both Sides of the Iron Curtain is the touching autobiography that first chronicles the young life of German-born Hadwig Gofferje, born during World War II, then living under communist rule. She describes her journey to freedom, complete with an American university education, and a new life in the United States. During her war-torn childhood in Germany, Hadwig lived in her own world, where she occupied herself for hours with drawing and playing with her dolls and imaginary friends. But at night, she endured many terrifying bombing raids by the Allied Forces in her family's basement bomb shelter. In 1945, after packing one carefully-chosen favorite toy in her suitcase, Hadwig and her family fled the approaching Russian Red Army and immigrated to a small village in Thuringia. Hadwig describes not a peaceful beginning to her life, but a life in which actions and choices were incredibly influenced by World War II and the division of Germany. Eventually moving,

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without her parents, to West Germany and later to the United States, Hadwig receives the university education that changes her life forever. In this remarkable personal narrative, Hadwig Gofferje describes how she was able to escape oppression and seek freedom, ultimately achieving personal peace, inner-strength, and a greater understanding of the world around her.

The Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads were officially joined on May 10, 1869 at Promontory Point, Utah, with the driving of a golden spike. This historic ceremony marked the completion of the first transcontinental railroad. Spanning the Sierras and the "Great American Desert," the tracks connected San Francisco to Council Bluffs, Iowa. A Great and Shining Road is the exciting story of a mammoth feat that called forth entrepreneurial daring, financial wizardry, technological innovation, political courage and chicanery, and the heroism of thousands of laborers.

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Sometime during the 1990s my father, Wallace Jamison, a retired Navy chaplain, was commissioned by the State of Illinois to interview World War II prisoners of war and record their stories. It was feared that after these men passed away their stories would be lost. This prompted me to ask him to tell his story. His reply was

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“Read the letters”. He was referring to the letters he and Ruth wrote to each other while he was overseas during World War II. Although they are no longer alive their story will live on. This is their love story and so much more told in their own way. Life in New York City is contrasted to the life of those in war torn North Africa and Italy. Before he died Wallace asked me to read the letters and share them with my siblings. After reading the letters I realized that they had historical significance and should be shared with the public.

The year is 1944, and as the world undergoes one of modern history’s most horrific eras, the Langstaff family strives to remain connected despite the oceans and battlegrounds that separate them. *Brothers, Lift Your Voices* is an epic compilation of letters sent between the Langstaffs during WWII, with one of them practicing theatre in Europe, and another serving the military in Japan, undergoing unimaginable stress and strife. As the letters progress, more and more details about the war—as well as the traumatic toll it is taking on the family members’ well-being, both physical and emotional—are slowly revealed. Against all odds, and with unfaltering courage, these correspondences serve as a testimony to the power of humankind’s greatest capacity: to love. *Brothers, Lift Your Voices* is a unique WWII book that offers readers an intimate, vivid exploration of life during those trying times from multiple perspectives; each

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family member shares his or her thoughts and experiences from wherever they are (and in whatever condition), and each consistently affirms their fondness and dedication to one another. There are moments of hope and optimism, and there are moments of fear and vulnerability. The Langstaffs' story is an invitation for readers to empathize with those who endured the war, bringing to the surface evocative messages regarding the futility of fighting and the fragility of life; it also serves as a brilliant reminder of the strength of the human spirit when imbued with love, support, and faith.

Since the loss of her family in a plane crash, Harley Diekerhoff has led a quiet life and keeps to herself. Taking the temporary job at the Copper Mountain Ranch as widower Brock Sheenan's housekeeper seems perfect for her. But her calm cocoon is invaded with the arrival of Brock's pre-teen twins, Mack and Molly who've never experienced a proper Christmas and before she knows it, Harley's determined to make their holiday perfect. Annoyed at first by Harley's interference, Brock is secretly pleased she's changed Mack and Molly's world. It doesn't hurt that he finds Harley incredibly attractive, fierce, smart and passionate. It's also an added bonus that she's not afraid to challenge him and get his blood heated! But when sparks fly and the attractions sizzles between them, Harley's not so sure she can handle something permanent with this dark,

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taciturn cowboy who doesn't know how to let her in. But Brock is determined to hold on to her and praying for a Christmas miracle... Taming of the Sheenan Series Book 1: Christmas at Copper Mountain (Brock Sheenan) Book 2: The Tycoon's Kiss (Troy Sheenan) Book 3: The Kidnapped Christmas Bride (Trey Sheenan) Book 4: Taming of the Bachelor (Dillion Sheenan) Book 5: A Christmas Miracle for Daisy (Cormac Sheenan)

Every day is a gift. We can choose to believe in God's great goodness and love towards us or become so burdened with life and its struggles that we forget how near He is. We can lose heart. The Ordinary and the Almighty is a daily reminder that we are preciousely honored and loved by God. It is a refresher for the soul. Come away!

In his second book, the author once again enters weird territory--this time as an officer on a popular cruise ship, amidst crewmembers from almost every country in the world. Taking refuge in the ship's crew bar, Nickell observes and reports on the surreal, fascinating, and oftentimes frustrating life of working on a cruise ship. Tall tales, hurricanes, disintegrating uniforms, rogue cans of Guinness, the McDondaldization of an entire company, and dour observations of American tourists are all in a day's work, and thirsty work it is.

In this firsthand account of life aboard the ships of the Great Lakes, Mark Thompson weaves together the threads of a story that relives a centuries-old tradition. Thompson began his logbook after he reported for duty aboard the Calcite II at Fraser Shipyard in Superior, Wisconsin, for the 1996 shipping season. A Sailor's Logbook is the first such book to chronicle a sailor's life at the end of the twentieth century. Not just a detailing of weather, cargo, and

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crew relations, A Sailor's Logbook is also an account of the daily lives of a diverse group of crewmembers as they share their sailing knowledge, "sea stories," and the many memories that accompany the pictures. Although there are ample resources in museums, archival collections, and company files regarding statistical logbook information, A Sailor's Logbook details the intricacies of daily life on a Great Lakes freighter. Thompson navigates the reader through the waters of the Great Lakes and his own life in this very special narrative.

Vols. for 1891-1897 include decisions of the United States Board of General Appraisers. *Sending My Laundry Forward: A Staff Officer's Account of the First Gulf War* is based upon author Stuart Crawford's diary, which he kept whilst working as a staff officer in Headquarters British Forces Middle East. He was based in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia during the First Gulf War 1990-91. As a member of the 'nightshift', Crawford witnessed and recorded events as they happened. His entries include the first air attacks on Iraq, the retaliatory SCUD missile attacks on Saudi Arabia and Israel, and the progress of the mercifully short land campaign which resulted in allied forces deep in Iraq and the Iraqi surrender. During his time in Riyadh, Crawford was part of the regular briefing team to the commander, General Sir Peter de la Billiere, at the morning briefings in the HQ. He had the opportunity to visit British forces in the desert before the attack on Iraq, and also visited Iraq itself after the attack, seeing at first hand the destruction and waste that major armoured conflict brings. Photographs taken by the author are included in the book, from images of the HQ and personalities who visited them, to the war-torn battlefield. Crawford has also included some personal observations, having been married only a few weeks before being sent to the Gulf, and additional notes on his return and the aftermath of what transpired to be the only time he was deployed on combat operations

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during a 20 year career as an army officer. With a foreword written by Professor Sir Hew Strachan of All Souls, Oxford, *Sending My Laundry Forward* provides a unique perspective of the Gulf War. It is an ideal read for any ex-military readers, Gulf War veterans and historians. It's 1942 and the Nazis are racing to build an atomic bomb. They have the physicists, but they don't have enough 'heavy water' – essential for their nuclear designs. For two years, the Nazis have occupied Norway, and with it the Vemork hydroelectric plant, the world's sole supplier of heavy water. Under threat of death, its engineers push production into overtime. For the Allies, Vemork must be destroyed. But how could they reach the plant, high in a mountainous valley? The answer became the most dramatic commando raid of the war: the British SOE brought together a brilliant scientist and eleven refugee Norwegian commandos, who, with little more than parachutes, skis and tommy guns, would destroy Hitler's nuclear ambitions. Based on exhaustive research and never-before-seen diaries and letters, *The Winter Fortress* is a compulsively readable narrative about a group of young men who survived the cold of a Norwegian winter and evaded the clutches of the Gestapo, to save the world from destruction. *Reproduction of the original: Our Part in the Great War* by Arthur Gleason *Reluctant Accomplice* is a volume of the wartime letters of Dr. Konrad Jarausch, a German high-school teacher of religion and history who served in a reserve battalion of Hitler's army in Poland and Russia, where he died of typhoid in 1942. He wrote most of these letters to his wife, Elisabeth. His son, acclaimed German historian Konrad H.

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Jarausch, brings them together here to tell the gripping story of a patriotic soldier of the Third Reich who, through witnessing its atrocities in the East, begins to doubt the war's moral legitimacy. These letters grow increasingly critical, and their vivid descriptions of the mass deaths of Russian POWs are chilling. They reveal the inner conflicts of ordinary Germans who became reluctant accomplices in Hitler's merciless war of annihilation, yet sometimes managed to discover a shared humanity with its suffering victims, a bond that could transcend race, nationalism, and the enmity of war. Reluctant Accomplice is also the powerful story of the son, who for decades refused to come to grips with these letters because he abhorred his father's nationalist politics. Only now, late in his life, is he able to cope with their contents--and he is by no means alone. This book provides rare insight into the so-called children of the war, an entire generation of postwar Germans who grew up resenting their past, but who today must finally face the painful legacy of their parents' complicity in National Socialism.

With bullets flying, wounded soldiers scream out in pain as the Chinook comes in to land in one of the most dangerous parts of Afghanistan. At the machine's controls is one man and if he doesn't stay calm then everyone could die. That man is Flt Lt Alex 'Frenchie' Duncan DFC and he's been involved in some of the most daring and dangerous missions undertaken by the Chinook force in Afghanistan. In this book he recounts his experiences of life under fire in the dust, heat and bullets of an active war zone. At 99ft long, the Chinook is a big and valuable target to the Taliban, who will stop

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at nothing to bring one down. And yet Frenchie and his crew risk everything because they know that the troops on the front line are relying on them. Sweating the Metal is the true story of the raw determination and courage of men on the front line - and it's time for their story to be told.

'You couldn't make these stories up: yet they're true, and Lewis does the memory of these extraordinary men full justice in a tale that is both heart-stopping and moving' Evening Standard 'Suicidal bravery, untold moral courage and awe-inspiring survival. An utterly compelling read' Bear Grylls From the bestselling author of true military classics ZERO SIX BRAVO, THE NAZI HUNTERS and CHURCHILL'S SECRET WARRIORS In the Spring of 1940, as Britain reeled from defeats on all fronts and America seemed frozen in isolation, one fear united the British and American leaders like no other: the Nazis had stolen a march on the Allies towards building the atomic bomb. So began the hunt for Hitler's nuclear weapons - nothing else came close in terms of priorities. It was to be the most secret war of those wars fought amongst the shadows. The highest stakes. The greatest odds. Prior to the outbreak of the war the massive German chemicals conglomerate I.G. Farben - the future manufacturers of Zyklon-B, the gas used in the Nazi concentration camps - had started producing bulk supplies of deuterium oxide - heavy water - at the remote Norwegian plant of Vemork. This was the central target of three separate missions - Operations GROUSE, FRESHMAN and GUNNERSIDE - over the ensuing four years. As Churchill

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commented: 'The actual facts in many cases were equal to the most fantastic inventions of romance and melodrama. Tangle with tangle, plot and counter-plot, ruse and treachery, cross and double-cross, true agent, false agent, double agent, gold and steel, the bomb, the dagger and the firing party were interwoven in a texture so intricate as to be incredible yet true.' Damien Lewis's new bestseller intercuts the hunt for the scientists, the raw materials and the plant, with the cloak and dagger intelligence game being played in the shadows. This relied in part on ENIGMA intercepts to guide the SOE's hand. Lewis delves into some of the most extraordinarily inventive and Machiavellian innovations at the SOE, and their related research and training schools, whereby the enemy were tricked, deceived, framed, blackmailed and double and triple-crossed, all in the name of stopping the Reich from getting the bomb. Previously published as *Hunting Hitler's Nukes*

Bob Schwartz reminds us of the necessity, no matter how harried or confusing things are, to appreciate the humor in the day-to-day nature of family life. Bob gives parents a reason to laugh as he navigates the unexpected twists and turns of parenthood every mom and dad has experienced - such as that feeling of panic when you hear the toilet being flushed and immediately followed by your child's less than reassuring yell of "Uh-oh!" Or the admonition to your five-year-old of, "No, you can't have the leftover cotton candy for breakfast, even if you do

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pour milk over it." Perhaps parents also need the reassurance that Bob offers. In looking back on his initial years of parenthood, Bob writes, "There was one word that sprang to mind - Naive. That's French for 'Buddy, you don't even have a clue.'" If you, like Bob, are entirely clueless at the beginning of parenthood, there's hope for the future. For while imparting crucial information to his children like "the shower curtain goes inside the bathtub; don't put marbles into the garbage disposal, and it's not a great idea to see how many peas you can stick up your nose," Bob did learn things like how to navigate the challenging world of school carpool pickup without infuriating the power hungry fifth grade Safety Patrol. And you, like Bob, might also make some headway with the linguistic parental challenge of cracking the grunt communication code of teenagers. Bob Schwartz tackles these problems and more. He tells us that the purpose of his essays is to have us embrace the humor of parenthood and the fun of family life. "Let laughter be the fuel for this thrilling, and yes indeed, sometimes pandemonium-producing journey." Book jacket.

"The most winning junior detective ever in teen lit. (Take that, Nancy Drew!)"
—Midwest Children's Book Review Sammy Keyes has three wads of cold hard cash in her hot little hands. An old guy gave them to her. Well, actually, he told her to throw them away. Begged her. With his last dying breath. Which he was

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taking because Sammy had just scared the life right out of him. So . . . she's got to get this man some help. She's got to do it without being seen herself. And she's got to figure out how to stash that cash. Aw, c'mon! You'd keep the money too, right? No one ever needs to know. . . . The Sammy Keyes mysteries are fast-paced, funny, thoroughly modern, and true whodunits. Each mystery is exciting and dramatic, but it's the drama in Sammy's personal life that keeps readers coming back to see what happens next with her love interest Casey, her soap-star mother, and her mysterious father.

A report of "the act of May 18, 1920, which provided for certain increases of pay in the Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Coast and Geodetic Survey ... [This act also] provided for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress to take up this matter and propose to the Congress a general revision of the pay schedules of those services."--
From the acclaimed author of 2020 Independent Press Awards Distinguished Favorites Clifford's Spiral and Preacher Finds a Corpse. Even grown men get upset when you take their toys away. Rollo Hemphill has a history with a life-sized rubber doll he dressed up to look like glamorous Hollywood star Monica LaMonica. For a time, the doll's worldwide travels provided convenient cover and sensational press for her living counterpart. But now, rubber-Monica has

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disappeared from crusty Hugo Farnsworth's yacht in St. Tropez. Like it or (mostly) not, Rollo gets drafted as an unofficial government operative to deal with the kidnapers. The doll has become a pawn in an international game centered on an eccentric Turk who collects lookalikes - but who may have also collected state secrets, including the plans for cold fusion and a scheme for bankrupting the world's money supply. All Rollo wants to do is get safely home to his estranged wife Felicia - who now happens to be pregnant. Is the child his? If not, will Rollo be bold enough to risk everything for a real life with a real woman? Once again, Rollo will prove that the male ego is as vulnerable as it is predictably deflatable.

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