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THE ENEMY:

A legendary, charismatic, Napoleon-like military genius—undefeated.

THE RELUCTANT HERO:

A quiet leader, a man of character, restraint, and modesty, who shuns the limelight—unwillingly thrust into command three days before the battle.

THE TEST:

When disaster descends without warning, how does a leader respond?
How does character prevail?

Without Warning: The Saga of Gettysburg, a Reluctant Union Hero, and the Men He Inspired is a compelling, historically accurate novel that weaves together the stories of Union General George Meade and his key subordinates and forever changes our vision of the Battle of Gettysburg. Grounded in the words of the men who persisted, prevailed, and perished in the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, as accurate as history, and as true as the hearts of those who fought there, *Without Warning* takes you back in time to the moment when the tide turned toward the redemption of the Republic.

Advance Praise for *Without Warning*

"*Without Warning* is one of the most compelling war novels I've ever read. It captures the Fog of War in such a raw and visceral way that it catapults the reader back in time, placing them squarely on the battlefield of whizzing bullets and blasting cannon fire. But perhaps even more powerful is the way in which the book places you inside the minds of the different decision makers, sharing in the turmoil and gnawing responsibilities that plagued each decision made. The reader shares the weight of command—the unenviable position of comprehending the fear of failure—and, fittingly, walks away sharing in the exhaustion of the men who led and struggled, lived and died."

—Lieutenant Colonel James Ryan Cutchin, United States Army, whose heroic actions in Iraq were portrayed by Matt Damon's character in the movie *The Green Zone*

"I absolutely loved *Without Warning*. My knowledge of the Gettysburg Battle came from reading *The Killer Angels* many years ago and from two walking tours of the battlefield over 20 years ago. Until I read *Without Warning*, I knew very little about Meade and his subordinates and what they did to win the battle. This novel should be mandatory reading at all our Command and Staff and War Colleges."

—Lieutenant General Charles Coolidge, USAF, retired, son of Technical Sergeant Charles Henry Coolidge, battlefield recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions in France in 1944

"Brace yourself! *Without Warning* is the historical novel we've been waiting for since Michael Shaara's 1974 *The Killer Angels*. Comprehensively researched and faithful to history, Terry Pierce's novel weaves the human drama of General George Meade assuming command three days before the battle and how he led his soldiers to victory into a compelling narrative. *Without Warning* reveals the hidden tapestry that bound the Gettysburg victors together and how they overcame the challenges and burdens of leadership at the point of decision. This is Civil War writing and Character Leadership at its most exhilarating."

—Dr. Buddhika "Jay" Jayamaha, primary author of *Nightcap at Dawn: American Soldiers' Counterinsurgency in Iraq* former airborne infantryman, a veteran of the Iraq war, and Assistant Professor, Military and Strategic Studies Department at the United States Air Force Academy

"Jeffrey Shaara's *Gods and Generals* was dedicated to the great generals of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg and was one of the finest novels of the Civil War, until now. The Union story of this history-changing battle has been hiding in plain sight for over 150 years, and it was not until Terry Pierce brought it to life in his revelatory novel *Without Warning: The Saga of Gettysburg, a Reluctant Union Hero, and the Men He Inspired* that we would gain insight into the generals and soldiers who won the battle. The consequences of decisions made in the heat of battle and the fog of war, the intrusion of politics, and the resultant slaughter keep the reader riveted."

—Rear Admiral Ronald Christenson USN, retired, former Commander of USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71

"*Without Warning* is a well-researched and written 'you are there'-style historical novel of the Battle of Gettysburg whose central character is General Meade. Terry Pierce's characters seem to 'come alive' as they were at the time to inform and inspire about their fears, intentions, and actions in combat. The novel depicts how Meade dealt with his life-changing moment and became America's reluctant hero."

—Dr. Andy Waskie, President of the Philadelphia General Meade Society

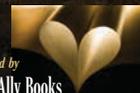
"Historically accurate and deftly told, *Without Warning* is a riveting saga of Union leadership at the Battle of Gettysburg. The challenges General George Meade faced upon taking command of the Army of the Potomac three days before the battle, and how he inspired his subordinates to a remarkable victory over the undefeated Robert E. Lee, make for a gripping and illuminating story of character under great pressure—every bit as timely today as it was fateful in Meade's time. Superb!"

—Lieutenant General Christopher Miller, USAF, retired, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, HQ USAF, and President, Air Force Historical Foundation

"Fighting men and women want leaders of character... it's a central, unchanging aspect of the Profession of Arms. In this brilliant historical novel, Terry Pierce extracts from the chaotic tapestry of Gettysburg the moral character of General George Gordon Meade, an individual who reluctantly took command of the Potomac Army and led it to victory over the forces of the vaunted General Robert E. Lee some six days later. In the process, he replaced the Napoleonic frontal attacks learned at West Point with the dominance of tactical defense. Most importantly, he demonstrated that camaraderie and combat effectiveness are forged by character, not charisma and popularity. This lesson continues today."

—Lieutenant General Erv Rokke, USAF, retired, former Dean of the United States Air Force Academy, President of Moravian College, Defense Attaché in the former Soviet Union, Director of Intelligence, the U.S. European Command in Europe

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