

New Historical Thriller is Indiana Jones Set in the Civil War

*BATTLEGROUND*s by *STEPHEN A. CARTER*

UNITED STATES, January 11, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In an era where political views are more polarized than ever and centuries-old prejudices are being dragged out into the light, [BATTLEGROUND](#)s, a gripping and faithful tribute to the heroes of the Civil War era, is sure to resonate with readers across the country.

“Lincoln” meets “Glory” in this new fully illustrated historical thriller (book 1 of 4 in the MATARI series) written by teacher, artist and now author [Stephen A. Carter](#).

From the moment a young John Saxton was forced to look on helplessly as brutal slavers threw their human cargo overboard to avoid capture, the Boston shipping heir and his giant Maasai mentor Marcus Brown became implacable abolitionists.

Although pledging to the cause was easy, the two soon find themselves further in over their heads than they ever could have imagined as they are swept into a web of murder, dark secrets and intrigue. Featuring a fascinating and nuanced cast of unforgettable historical characters, the duo, along with Saxton’s beautiful black bride, Virginia, are pitted against arch villains Horatio Garrow and his morally flexible henchman Harley Blackstone, leaders of the dreaded Deacon Gang. Can Saxton and his friends survive a dangerous game of Confederate espionage, high treason and the siege of Fort Sumter?

Carter’s take on the pre-civil war era is classic adventure sure to appeal just as much to fans of Indiana Jones as it will to historians. Full of historically accurate detail, down to guns fired and ships sailed, readers will be completely immersed in the world as they follow Saxton on his wild adventure.

Equally as impressive is the tale Carter spins and the fully fleshed out cast of historical figures,



Battlegrounds Book One

each a unique combination of what they were like in real life and original takes. Readers will not only be enthralled by the serpentine and unpredictably fun narrative but perhaps even be inspired to take an interest in the era beyond the book.

BATTLEGROUND is a fascinating 440-page addition to the library of the American Civil War that will strongly appeal to all audiences and provide interesting characters with whom the reader can easily empathize. Carter's ambitious novel has something for everyone and will provoke thought long after the book is closed.

"Having read all four books of the MATARI series, I must say that Book One sets a standard of excellence for all historical/fiction writers who delve into the U.S. Civil War and especially the role of Black Americans who were involved in it before, during and after the event." —Veronica Dale Owens, author of *No Intermission*



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“BATTLEGROUND quite deftly describes the hypocrisy of those dealing with ‘the racial issue’, as well as providing interesting characters with whom the reader easily can empathize.” —John H. Manhold, award winning fiction/non-fiction author

BATTLEGROUND is available on [Amazon](#) and other popular retail outlets where books are sold.

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