

Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts

By Alvin Townley

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Summary

Over the past century, America's Eagle Scouts have earned a reputation for service, virtue, and leadership recognized throughout the world. But their legacy has never been truly explored – *until now*.

Author and Eagle Scout Alvin Townley set out across the country to learn the stories of these leaders. He spoke with individuals from every region, every age, and every background, some of whom have risen to fame as public figures while others have left a lasting impact outside of the spotlight.

The Eagle Scouts who shared their experiences include Bill Gates, Sr., Bill Bradley, J.W. Marriott, Jr., Ross Perot, Michael Bloomberg, Michael Dukakis, coach Chan Gailey, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and Jim Lovell of Apollo 13. The book also explores the virtues of a Tuskegee Airman, a Vietnam War POW, a September 11 NYPD hero, a crew of Hurricane Katrina relief workers, and a host of others from every walk of life.

Legacy of Honor is a journey of discovery – and a story of character, courage, and inspiration that belongs not only to Eagle Scouts but to all Americans.

The Author

Eagle Scout Alvin Townley grew up in a Scouting family in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and has worked on Capitol Hill and served on the executive staff of an international consulting firm. He has also spoken to adult and student audiences on ethics, service, and leadership. Alvin resides in Atlanta, Georgia, where he works and coaches at Marist School, and works with Reach for Excellence, an educational program benefiting talented disadvantaged middle school students.

Reviews

“The stories captured in *Legacy of Honor* hold valuable lessons for our country as we face new challenges at home and abroad. These Eagle Scouts will inspire readers to become leaders in serving others.”

-- *President Jimmy Carter*

“Alvin Townley's book reveals the legacy of the Boy Scouts. He relates the adventures and deeds of Eagle Scouts living by the Scout Oath while contributing to the success of America. An excellent story that will inspire all of us.” -- *Jim Lovell, commander of Apollo 13*

“*Legacy of Honor* will have a positive impact on the lives of millions of boys and their families. Think what a great country we would be if we all lived the principles of Scouting.” -- *Ross Perot*

“The unique leadership role in America over the past century of men who earned their Eagle Scout award as boys is unparalleled...*Legacy of Honor* explores this extraordinary phenomenon of Eagles' leadership through individual stories, both informative and inspirational.” -- *Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense*

“Alvin Townley's *Legacy of Honor* does justice to the proud history and bright future of the Eagle Scouts.”
-- *Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City*

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