

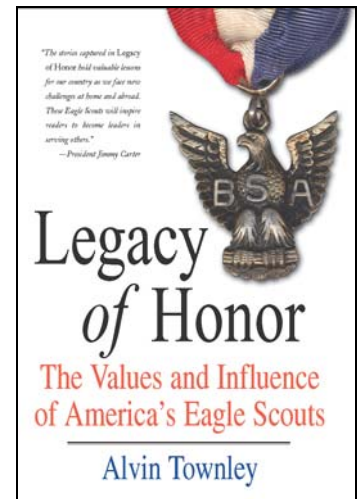
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NEW BOOK EXPLORES THE VALUES AND INFLUENCE OF AMERICA'S EAGLE SCOUTS

New York – Thomas Dunne Books, an imprint of St. Martin's Press, announces the release of a new book that reveals the legacy of America's Eagle Scouts, individuals who have earned a reputation for service, virtue, and leadership that is recognized throughout the world.

Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts by **Alvin Townley** explores the lives and character of Eagle Scouts including Gerald Ford, Bill Gates, Sr., Bill Bradley, J. W. Marriott, Jr., Ross Perot, Michael Bloomberg, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Michael Dukakis, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, coach Chan Gailey, 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. Untold stories of heroism and leadership, along with inspiring accounts of perseverance and service, fill the book's pages.

The author, one of the nearly 2 million Americans who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, sold his house to spend a year traveling thousands of miles throughout the country, meeting these individuals, and weaving their stories into a uniquely powerful narrative of character and principle in American life. He discovered stories of courage, service, and hope that belong not only to Eagle Scouts but to all Americans.

Commenting on *Legacy of Honor*, President Jimmy Carter said, "These Eagle Scouts will inspire readers to become leaders in serving others," while Secretary of Defense Robert Gates hailed the book as "inspirational."

For additional information, please visit www.legacyofhonor.com.

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