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Most Americans have heard of Arlington National Cemetery, yet many of those interred rest in obscurity. This book seeks to honor their memories by telling the stories of 250 people buried here. Many were battlefield heroes, but some survived war to go on to major accomplishments. There are also stories of the original inhabitants of the cemetery, slaves and freedmen who worked on the Lee estate. In addition, the book covers popular sites such as the Tomb of the Unknowns and President Kennedy's gravesite.

Navigating Arlington can be frustrating for visitors. Searching for a particular section of the cemetery is impractical without a map, and locating a specific grave within a section can lead to expenditure of significant time and energy. To aid visitors, a series of maps presents logical starting points. There is a GPS coordinate for each gravesite, which combines with the cemetery's smart phone application to make location simple. The description of each site is accompanied by a color photograph.

James Gindlesperger is the author of several books about the Civil War: *Escape from Libby Prison*, *Seed Corn of the Confederacy*, and *Fire on the Water*. He and his wife also co-authored *So You Think You Know Gettysburg?* and *So You Think You Know Antietam?*, which were both honored as Foreword Reviews' Book of the Year finalists in the travel category. They live in Johnstown, PA.

" . . . James Gindlesperger offers a beautiful tribute . . . *Arlington: A Color Guide to America's Most Famous Cemetery* is a must read for anyone interested in Arlington National Cemetery and the intriguing stories of some who are interred there." -David D. Haught, *Military Review*

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What a fount of facts and a whole lot of I didn't know thats.

Sheri says

After an informative introduction and history of the cemetery, this guide provides short biographies detailing the achievements of many of the lesser known burials at Arlington National Cemetery. Each entry includes a photo of the headstone along with GPS coordinates; there is also a map to refer back to at the beginning of each section.

Scattered throughout the book are many interesting historical facts as well as fun trivia knowledge. Read about Keith C. Clark, the principal bugler who played taps for the funeral of John F. Kennedy. Learn which person is the only person to have two graves at Arlington (and how and why). The Kennedy gravesites, the Confederate Memorial, the various Battle and War Memorials, and the Tomb of the Unknowns are all covered along with so much more.

A frequently asked questions section nicely covers other topics of interest including who can be buried at Arlington and the cost for burial. Also discussed is the difference between formal full military honors funerals and less formal funerals, the significance of the riderless horse, and what words are said to the family when the folded flag is presented to them at the end of the service.

The book pairs nicely with a documentary I recently watched, Arlington: Field of Honor, and would be of interest to history, military, or cemetery enthusiasts. A really wonderful guide to the final resting place of many of America's heroes.

William Richardson says

This was a wonderful read, learned so much about ANC and how it came about and some of those buried there. Learned about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and how it came about. I got to read about some hero's I have read about or learned about from movies and documentaries seen.

Makes me want to visit in person now more than ever, It's going to be up near the top of my bucket list.
