

# BAND OF BROTHERS

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From D-Day to victory in World War II with the men of Easy Company: Utah Beach, Market-Garden, the Bulge, and on to Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden.

They came together, citizen soldiers, in the summer of 1942, drawn to Airborne by the \$50 monthly bonus and a desire to be better than the other guy. And at its peak—in Holland and the Ardennes—Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army, was as good a rifle company as any in the world. From the rigorous training in Georgia in 1942 to the disbanding in 1945, esteemed WWII historian Stephen Ambrose tells the story of this remarkable company. In combat, the reward for a job well done is the next tough assignment, and as they advance through Europe, the men of Easy kept getting the tough assignments, from parachuting into France early D-Day morning to capturing Hitler's Bavarian outpost.

*Band Of Brothers* is a story of the men who fought, of the martinet they hated who trained them well, and of the captain they loved who led them. E Company was a company of men who went hungry, froze, and died for each other, a company that took 150 percent casualties, a company where the Purple Heart was not a medal—it was a badge of office.

**Stephen E. Ambrose** was the author of numerous books of history, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Undaunted Courage*, *D-Day*, and *Citizen Soldiers* as well as multi-volume biographies of Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. He is founder of the Eisenhower Center and President of the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans.

**Cotter Smith** began his career with his first role as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series *Blood Feud*. Other TV-movie credits include *Bridge of Time*, *Remember Me*, *Armed and Innocent* and *A Message From Holly*. He was also a series regular on ABC's *Equal Justice*. Mr. Smith has appeared on stage in the Broadway production of *An American Daughter*, the acclaimed *How I Learned to Drive*, *The Dying Gaul*, *A Soldier's Play*, *Burn This*, and *The Blood Knot*. On film, Mr. Smith can be seen in *Invader*, *Lady Beware*, and *Cameron's Closet*. He has read extensively for Simon & Schuster.

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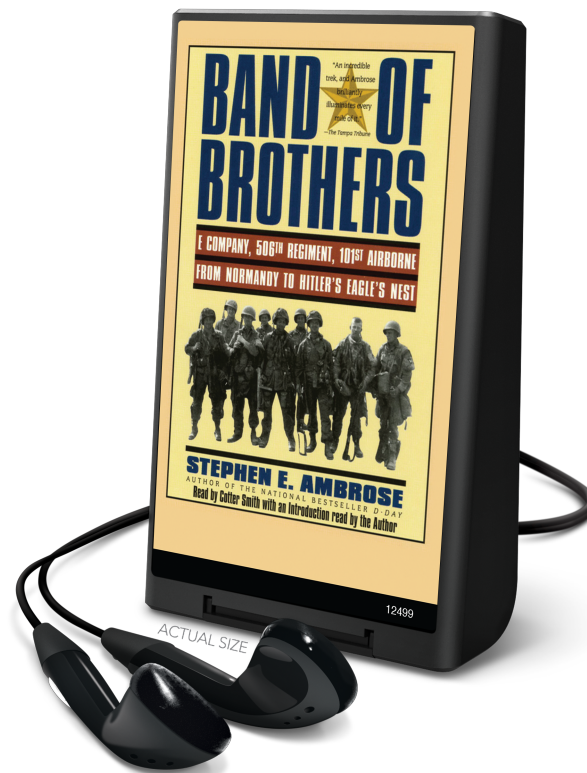
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