

MEDIA WELL DONE

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Stories That Make You Different

Nuremberg, Mississippi Earns the Literary Titan Gold Book Award

We are proud to announce another major recognition for Melvin E. Edwards' Nuremberg, Mississippi: the Literary Titan Gold Book Award.



The award comes during a remarkable stretch for the novel, which continues to find readers and critical recognition months after its May release. The Gold Book Award joins the growing recognition surrounding Nuremberg, Mississippi and strengthens our belief in the kind of books Media Well Done was created to publish: stories that recover overlooked history, challenge comfortable assumptions, and stay with readers after the final page.

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Baker Battery Goes to War

Patrick W. Naughton Jr.'s extraordinary World War II history is coming Veterans Day - November 11, 2026.

What began with the discovery of a rare, hand-typed unit history in an old binder became something much larger: an effort to return the experiences of the men of Baker Battery to the historical record.

Baker Battery Goes to War follows the soldiers of Baker Battery, 881st Field Artillery Battalion, 69th Infantry Division, from training through deployment and combat across France, Belgium and Germany, and ultimately to the Elbe during the closing days of World War II.

But this isn't simply a history of military movements. The second half of the book turns its attention to the men themselves - the gun crews, wiremen, medics, mechanics, radio operators, cooks and others whose individual experiences made up the life of the battery. It is exactly the kind of story Media Well Done exists to preserve.

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Preserving the Names History Almost Lost

August also marked the arrival of another important Media Well Done title: *The Names They Kept*.

The definitive family volume traces generations of one Black Texas family from slavery and Reconstruction through Jim Crow and into modern Texas. Drawing from genealogy, public records, family testimony and oral tradition, the book attempts to restore full lives to people whom official records often reduced to little more than names - when they recorded those names correctly at all.

Together, *The Names They Kept*, *Nuremberg, Mississippi* and *Baker Battery Goes to War* are beginning to define what the Media Well Done catalog represents.

Different stories. Different eras. One underlying purpose:

Illuminate the stories official histories leave in the shadows.

What We're Building

Media Well Done began with a simple conviction: important stories should not disappear merely because traditional publishing overlooked them.

This fall represents an important step forward. One Media Well Done book is receiving new literary recognition. Another preserves generations of Black Texas family history. And our next release brings the voices of World War II soldiers out of an old binder and back into the historical record.

That's more than a publishing schedule. It's becoming a body of work.

Thank you for reading, supporting our authors, recommending our books, and helping us make sure these stories are remembered.

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