

MEDIA WELL DONE

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Dear friends,

An estate-sale binder. A family's names preserved across generations. A courtroom where justice and the law collide.

The books at Media Well Done begin in different places, but they share a purpose: **to illuminate stories official histories leave in the shadows.**

This October, that purpose is taking us toward a Veterans Day release, a new chapter for *Nuremberg*, *Mississippi*, and a holiday season built around meaningful gifts.

The Soldiers Behind the History

On November 11, we plan to release Patrick W. Naughton Jr.'s ***Baker Battery Goes to War***.

Its beginnings sound almost like fiction: an estate-sale discovery yields a binder containing the writings and sketches of men who served in a World War II artillery unit. Within those pages, soldiers left a record of their experiences—and a chance for future readers to know them.

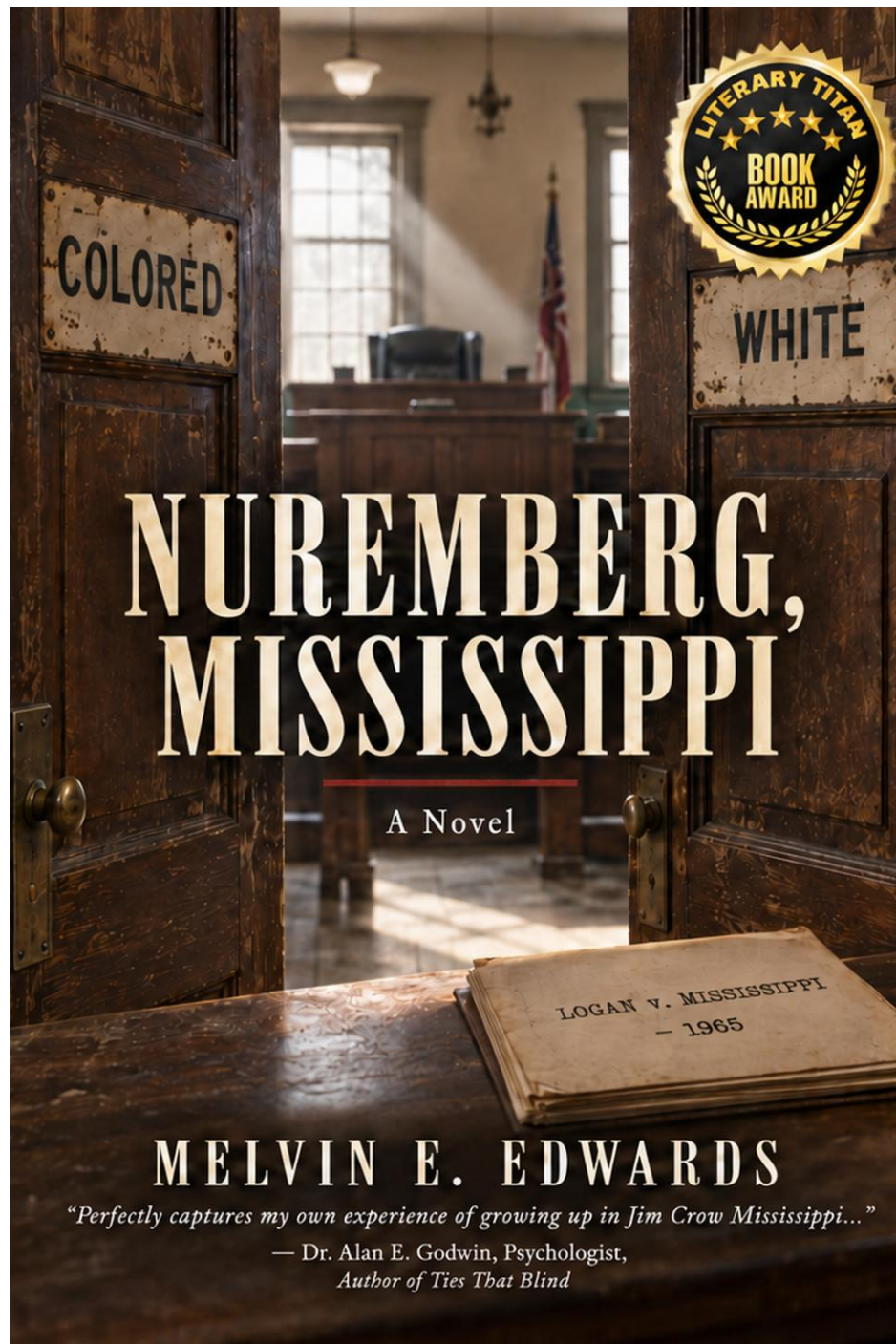
Patrick's work brings those voices forward. Alongside artillerymen, readers encounter the cooks, mechanics, wiremen, clerks and medics whose work kept the unit functioning. Their words make room for the daily realities that broad accounts of war can overlook.

Retired Brigadier General Clarence M. Agena, a Vietnam War veteran, calls the book:

"A valuable and deeply human contribution to the history of the King of Battle."

As Veterans Day approaches, I look forward to sharing this recovered history with readers who understand the importance of remembering the people behind the uniform.

A New Cover—and a Story Still Unfolding



The new cover of *Nuremberg, Mississippi*

Nuremberg, Mississippi has a new look.

The redesigned cover reflects the tension at the heart of the novel: what happens when a demand for justice confronts a system determined to resist it?

Through Henry Logan and attorney Silas Thomas Thorn III, the story examines the choices people make when conscience requires more than compliance. I'm grateful that it has earned a five-star review from Readers' Favorite and coverage in *Historical Novels Review*.

I'm also writing its follow-up, ***Nuremberg's Children***.

The new novel turns toward the next generation and the consequences children inherit from their parents' decisions. Readers who have wondered what comes after *Nuremberg, Mississippi* will have more to discover. I'll share updates as the manuscript develops.

The Names That Survived

The Names They Kept: A Black Republic of Texas Family Chronicle from Slavery to the Texas Capitol brings our publishing mission close to home.

For me, family history begins with people I love. Following their names through records and across generations places their lives within the larger story of Texas.

This book is an effort to preserve those connections—and to give future generations something more substantial than a few names on a family tree.

A Thank-You to Our Listeners

The American Writing Awards named me **2026 Male Podcast Host of the Year**, following my finalist recognition in 2025.

I'm thankful for the honor, and especially thankful to the guests and listeners who make *Stories from Real Life* possible.

Every Tuesday, the show offers another opportunity to hear someone's experience in their own words. If an episode has stayed with you, please share it with someone who might appreciate that conversation. Your recommendation helps new listeners find us.

Looking Toward the Holidays

We're developing a holiday book bundle featuring *Nuremberg*, *Mississippi*, *Baker Battery Goes to War* and *The Names They Kept*.

Together, these books offer three ways into the past: historical fiction, recovered wartime testimony and a family chronicle. Watch for details about the bundle and ordering as the holiday season approaches.

Thank you for reading, listening and supporting this work. You help these stories reach the people who will carry them forward.

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