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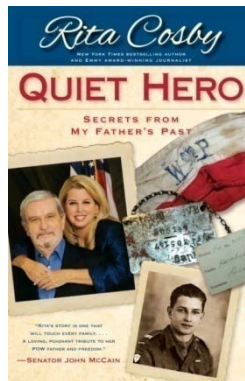
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QUIET HERO

Secrets from My Father's Past

By Rita Cosby



"Rita's story is one that will touch every family... A loving, poignant tribute to her POW father and freedom."

-Senator John McCain

"This is an incredible story of survival and sheer courage."

-General Tommy Franks, U.S. Army (Ret.)

"One of Poland's great treasures has now been found. Richard Cosby and his Resistance comrades are true heroes in our historic fight for freedom. Without their courage, Solidarity would never have won its final battle."

-Lech Walesa, Former President of Poland

At a time of increased patriotism and emphasis on family values, **QUIET HERO: Secrets From My Father's Past** (Threshold Editions; May 18th, 2010; \$26.00; Hardcover) reminds us all what it really means to be an American.

Journalist Rita Cosby surprisingly knew little about her father Richard's harrowing past: that he had left Poland after World War II and had scars all over his body that he refused to talk about. One Christmas, when Rita was a teenager, her father abruptly announced he was leaving, which caused a severe divide in their relationship that would continue most of Rita's life. But years later, after her mother's death, Rita discovered a worn and tattered leather suitcase tucked away full of mementos, including an old Polish Resistance armband, rusted tags bearing a prisoner number, and an identity card for a POW named Ryszard Kossobudzki. These relics would be the tools for Rita to open a new dialogue with her distant father, and embark upon the most amazing journey of her life.

After years of estrangement, Rita finally persuaded her father to break his silence. An extraordinary account of bravery, Richard spent his teens in the Polish Resistance, actively fighting the enemy to the last bullet. As a young boy, Richard watched his hometown get decimated by Nazi bombs, got a codename, and although his parents wanted to sneak him out of Poland, he secretly pledged to fight and showed unwavering loyalty to his country and comrades, telling them, "I'd rather die with friends, than live with strangers."

Through the pages of **QUIET HERO**, readers are taken to the front lines of the Resistance, from the battles on the streets of Warsaw to Richard's dramatic escape through the city sewers. After being severely wounded, Richard was taken to a German POW camp. Enduring months of hardship and deprivation, and weighing only 90 pounds, Richard and a number of other POWs made a daring nighttime escape and were ultimately rescued by American forces.

QUIET HERO culminates with Richard's emotional return to his homeland for the first time in 65 years, where he receives a hero's welcome from the President himself and ultimately faces his personal demons. With his daughter by his side, Richard is reunited with comrades and the country that he would've given his life for. A remarkable and gripping chronicle of individual heroism, military history and unfaltering patriotism, **QUIET HERO** is also an amazing personal story of courage. It is a message for modern times... standing constantly, faithfully and boldly against any adversary who would dare deny men and women their freedom.

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