Interview with Kevin Oderman

Kevin Oderman, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, has recently completed his memoir about his experiences as a U.S. Marine. In an exclusive interview, he shares his thoughts on the ongoing conflict, the challenges faced by the military, and the importance of remembrance.

1. What inspired you to write your memoir?

I wanted to share my experiences with others. Writing helped me process the trauma and come to terms with what I went through. It was a way for me to honor the fallen and to try to make sense of my time in service.

2. What do you hope readers take away from your story?

I hope they see the reality of war, the impact it has on individuals and families, and the stories of resilience and heroism. I want them to understand the sacrifices made and to be reminded of the importance of respecting those who serve.

3. What advice would you give to others who are considering service in the military?

Think carefully about your decision. Service in the military is a commitment, and it’s important to be prepared for the challenges that come with it. Make sure you are mentally and physically prepared, and consider your reasons for joining. Ultimately, it’s a personal decision, and you should make sure it’s right for you.

4. What would you say to those who are skeptical of the war in Afghanistan?

I would tell them that it’s important to remember the sacrifices made and the reasons why we were there. Every soldier who served knows that the war was necessary to protect our country. The sacrifices made were not in vain, and we must ensure that our country is safe.

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A sweeping story of love, loss, and redemption, Arcaidia Road is a powerful tale set against the backdrop of the American Civil War. It follows the lives of three families as they navigate the challenges and triumphs of war. This compelling historical fiction novel is perfect for fans of Civil War literature.

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Jones is a coming-of-age story that follows the life of a young boy growing up during the Civil War. Set in the heart of the American Civil War, it explores themes of family, love, and sacrifice. A heartwarming tale that will leave readers thinking long after the last page.

Brady Wins Utah Governor’s Award for the Arts

Donna Preston of the Utah Arts Council presented the Utah Governor’s Award for the Arts to Donna. John Brady, along with Josh Swensen, received a $15,000 prize in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the arts in Utah. The award recognizes the exceptional contributions made by artists and organizations to the state’s cultural life.

This year’s recipients were selected by the Governor’s Awards Selection Panel, which comprised a diverse group of artists and arts administrators. The panel reviewed nominations from across the state and selected the winners based on their artistic achievements and contributions to the Utah arts community.

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