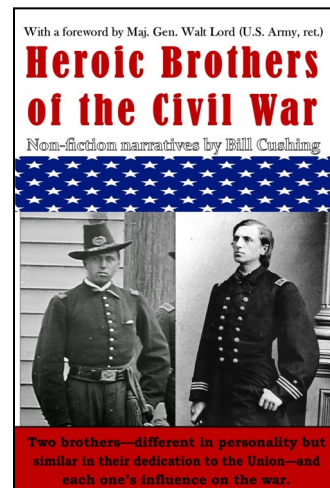


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Meet Bill Cushing, author of the award-winning *Heroic Brothers of the Civil War*



Los Angeles-based writer Bill Cushing ended 2023 winning first place in the Literary Global Book Award for “nonfiction, history” with his book *Heroic Brothers of the Civil War*, a two-part narrative published by Southern Arizona Press that debuted at #1 in Amazon’s category of Civil War Naval Operations and has been rated in “Gettysburg History” and “American Civil War Biographies.”

When the war broke out, the two youngest Cushing family members—Alonzo and William—left individual and indelible marks on the outcome of that national conflagration. *Heroic Brothers of the Civil War* focuses on those two brothers and their exploits fighting for the Union.

It opens with “The Last Man,” which recounts Lt. Alonzo Cushing's last day alive during the Battle of Gettysburg; he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2014 for the actions of his 4th Artillery against Pickett's Charge. Then, "The First Seal" gives a comprehensive overview of the military life of his younger brother, William Barker Cushing, a midshipman dismissed from Annapolis for his behavior but reinstated to the Navy at the outbreak of the war. He became one of its most daring warriors and an officer who moved up the ranks at entirely unprecedented speed; he has since had five Naval warships named after him.

The book is 52 pages in length and includes illustrations. *Heroic Brothers of the Civil War* marks Bill’s third book from Southern Arizona Press. Earlier titles from the same publisher include a poetry collection (*Just a Little Cage of Bone*) and a volume of creative-nonfiction stories focused on Bill’s own life (*Time Well Spent*).

