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Now the basis for the made-for-television ESPN Original Entertainment movie "Codebreakers" (premiering at 9 P.M Eastern Time on 10 December 2005), *A Return to Glory* is the first book to bring readers behind closed doors at West Point during the unprecedented, widely controversial, tragic cheating episode of 1951.

Told with great precision and keen insight, *A Return to Glory* fuses the intertwined struggles for officers and cadets to maintain honorable conduct on the athletic field with the challenges to officers and enlisted men on the battlefields of Korea, the Cold War's first frustrating and deadly "limited war." The parallels and corollaries are astounding and often profound.

The book also tells one of the great, never-before-told collegiate football stories of the twentieth century, namely the inspiring true story of how the vaunted Army football team—nationally dominant during much of the decade preceding the incident—recovered from losing almost 40 players in the devastating cheating scandal of 1951.

Timeless and compelling, *A Return to Glory* is as surprising and meaningful for today's readers as it will be for those who lived the events of a half century ago. Both a period history and lively true story, the book tells of authentic and unsung heroes and young men attempting to live up to the extraordinarily high standards demanded by the Academy and its Honor Code.

While the work accurately portrays the joys, rewards, and tragedies of life in the military, it also tells thought-provoking, often humorous, uplifting stories about people and institutions, "warts and all," woven into a larger story and theme, with deliberately broad appeal intended to reach the general public.

Most importantly, in a new age of desperate battles that challenge the integrity of military leaders on and off today's battlefields, *A Return to Glory* tells the inspirational story of some of their Army forebears who selflessly chose the harder right over the easier wrong...and prevailed.

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