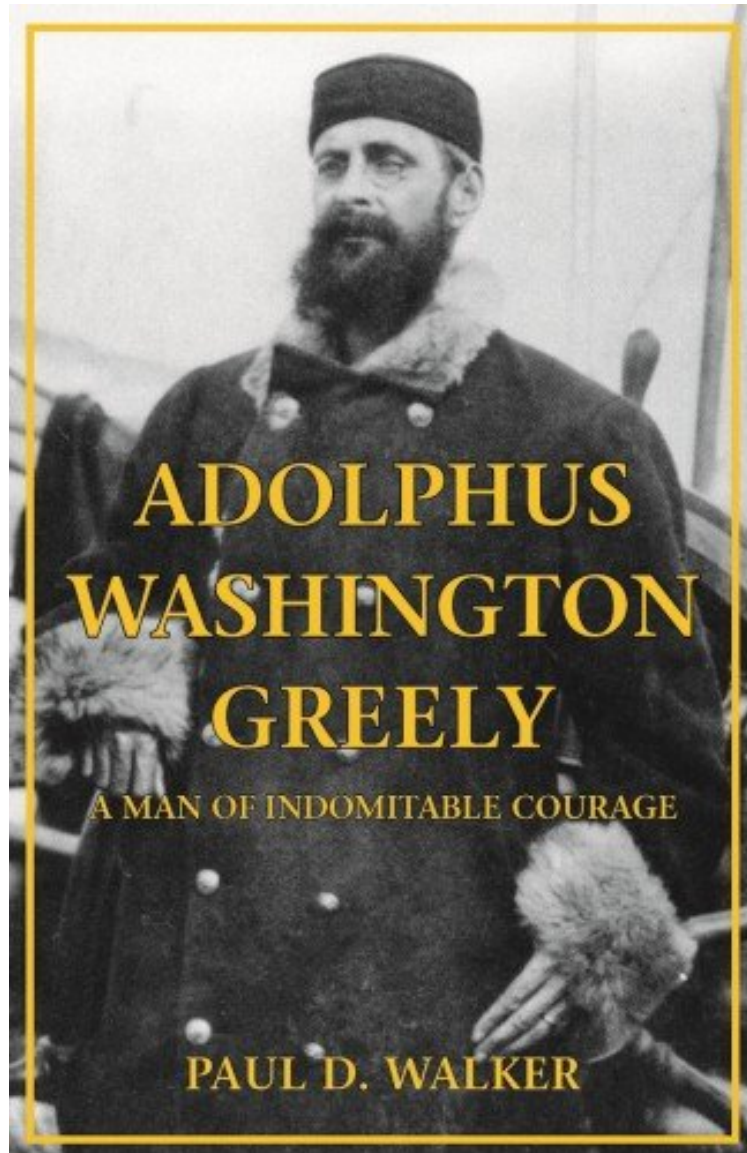


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Paul Walker : Adolphus Washington Greely: A Man of Indomitable Courage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Adolphus Washington Greely: A Man of Indomitable Courage:

The amazing life of the leader of the deadly Lady Franklin Bay Expedition. A Union soldier who rose to prominence

during the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, Adolphus Washington Greely went on to command black troops in yellow-fever-ridden New Orleans, survive a brutal three years in Greenland, tame mobs after the San Francisco earthquake, organize the National Geographic Society, and, at 91, become the oldest person to receive the United States Congressional Medal of Honor. During his lifetime, he was instrumental in advancing American scientific exploration and promoting civil service and was the most well-known person in the world. Yet, barely 80 years after his death, he is relatively unknown. This is the story of his remarkable life.

From the Inside Flap Adolphus Washington Greely has largely been forgotten by modern audiences, but his contribution to scientific exploration led to significant advancements for the United States and peoples of many nations. His stellar record as a military and civil-service leader stands as a testament to his character and that of the post-Civil War leaders who emerged as a country reshaped itself. Greely began his public life in the Union army and served admirably. His efforts after the war included battling the ravages of smallpox in New Orleans and helping to quell riots following the Great San Francisco Earthquake. In service to his country, Greely traveled the world. His travels took him to Paris, where he met and mingled with inventors, intellectuals, and political figures, including Adolphe Thiers. But it was his ill-fated 1881 Arctic exploration that gained him worldwide fame. While he considered the expedition a success his team set numerous records and gathered a trove of scientific data Greely was one of only six men who survived the three-year ordeal. Greely was instrumental in advancing worldwide exploration, working for years to create the National Geographic Society. During his lifetime he was one of the most well-known public figures on earth. At age ninety-one, Greely was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nations highest military award, for his long service and many achievements. Yet barely eighty years after his death he is relatively unknown. Author Paul D. Walker endeavors to change this. Through research in collections across the country and historic records buried in archives, Walker has uncovered the truly amazing life story of a national treasure. Paul D. Walker was born in Bakersfield, California. He served two successful tours in Vietnam in the armored cavalry division. He retired with the rank of full colonel after spending thirty years in the military and earning seventeen awards for valor and achievement. A distinguished military graduate of Missouri State University, Walker later earned masters degrees in international relations and public administration from Shippensburg University. He pursued further studies in American and military history and became particularly interested in cavalry warfare. Walker is a member of the Civil War Round Table, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart Society, Vietnam Veterans of America, and American Legion. He has published two books on military strategy and history with *Pelican: The Cavalry Battle That Saved the Union: Custer vs. Stuart at Gettysburg* and *Trumans Dilemma: Invasion or the Bomb*. Walker is married to his high-school sweetheart and is the proud father of six. He resides in Springfield, Missouri, and devotes his time to history, writing, and local politics.

From the Back Cover During his lifetime, Adolphus Washington Greely was instrumental in advancing American scientific exploration. His knowledge and experiences served as the foundation in the formation of the National Geographic Society. As one of the most famous public figures of his time, Greely was a trailblazer both physically and intellectually and author Paul D. Walker has captured the essence of this remarkable man in a biography of epic proportions. Greely, although relatively unknown now, began his public career as a Union soldier who rose to prominence during the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. He went on to command black troops in smallpox-ridden New Orleans in the post-Civil War era, survive a brutal three years in the Arctic as the leader of the deadly Lady Franklin Bay Expedition, and tame mobs after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. At age ninety-one, Greely become the oldest person to receive the United States Congressional Medal of Honor, yet he quickly faded from the collective memory and his legacy has languished in dusty archives and forgotten journals. Pulled from myriad sources, stories and photographs of the men and events that unfolded around Greely document this true American hero and his lasting legacy. Fascinated by military strategy, author Walker is a distinguished military graduate of Missouri State University and a decorated war veteran. He holds masters degrees in both international relations and public administration from Shippensburg University. He is a former professor of history and political science at the University of Utah.

About the Author A distinguished military graduate of Missouri State University, Paul D. Walker served two tours in Vietnam and went on to a thirty-year career in the armored cavalry division, earning sixteen awards for valor and achievement. He earned masters degrees in both international relations and public administration from Shippensburg University and taught political science and history at a local university in Salt Lake City. He is a member of the Civil War Round Table, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Purple Heart Society, Vietnam Veterans of America, and American Legion. He has published two additional books on military strategy and history with *Pelican: The Cavalry Battle That Saved the Union: Custer vs. Stuart at Gettysburg* and *Trumans Dilemma: Invasion or The Bomb*. Walker resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.