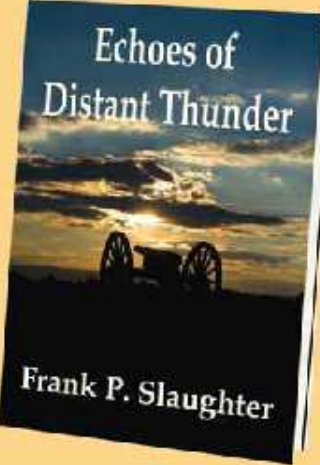


# Echoes of Distant Thunder

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Will Castor comes home from the Civil War a broken man. Although PTSD - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder- is a phrase ripped right from today's headlines, it has affected the lives of countless veterans from all our country's wars. This is the story of one man's journey as he struggles to regain his footing in a world he no longer understands. Along the way he



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will work in a lumber camp and experience the rough-and-tumble and often violent world of the Michigan lumberjack. Guilt and alcohol slowly consume him. Guilt from being the only survivor of his gun crew and guilt from killing a Georgia farmer and his son during the hopeless confusion of a fifty-thousand man Union army in headlong retreat. When he can go no further, alone in the vast forest of Northern Michigan, five years after the last shot of the Civil War was fired, the war for Will Castor is finally over.

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that carried our ancestors forward in battle, in the face of almost certain death, comes shining through at every turn.

*Frank P. Slaughter has written a beautiful novel about a man looking for peace in a chaotic world-- almost 150 years ago. That the drama of this novel rings true about today's events, as it does for the men and women caught up in the Civil War is a testament to Slaughter's powers as an artist. This is pure joy to read; from the opening sentence and a campfire in Chickamauga, to the final scene overlooking northern lakes in 1970's Michigan, Slaughter writes with a historian's assured eye and an artist's imaginative sweep. He brings Civil War veteran Will Castor and his true love, Emma, truly alive."*

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