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In his new book, *Coming Home: The Rest of the Story*, Daniel Wolfe, author of *Cold Ground's Been My Bed: a Korean War Memoir* and *Seabury Place: a Bronx Memoir* traces the sometimes humorous, sometimes horrifying, and frequently poignant travails of a young Korean War vet returning to the Bronx to begin "the rest of the story."

After the tragic death of his son David, in 1995 he became impelled to write his story for his other children.

This completes his trilogy. In *Seabury Place: A Bronx Memoir* Wolfe brings back to life in telling detail his childhood in the east Bronx during the Great Depression when the sidewalks were asphalt kingdom for kids from cramped tenements. **Cold Ground's: A Korean War Memoir** is the story replete with pathos, humor and the terror he encountered in combat in Korea.

Readers share young Wolfe's discovery that he has what it takes to go to college; his adventures as a High School biology teacher in the Bronx; his courtship of his wife, their short-lived migration as "Snowbirds" to Florida, North Carolina, New York and the return of his memories of the Korean War, suppressed for forty-five years.

Wolfe's gift for tragic comedy gets plenty of play as he recalls the many characters he encountered in a life well lived. Among them, he gives us Sam, the mentally-challenged bowling alley clerk who paints extraordinary pictures on cardboard sheets that supported Danish pastry; Adrian, the lighting salesman, who suddenly bursts out speaking in tongues one night over dinner; and Louis St. Louis, the artist who paints with his blood as a metaphor but he isn't sure of what. This is Wolfe the caricaturist at his best. With a few deft strokes, he captures the essence of the character in all its beautiful and bewildering humanity.

Anyone dealing with veterans' issues should read this book. The profound respect and understanding with which the author, the recipient of the Bronze Star with V for Valor, depicts his former buddies on the frontline, offers a model for this generation and generations to come. His depiction of the psychological toll of warfare will provide perspective for younger vets and their families, as well as hope that there is indeed light at the end of the tunnel.

Readers who seek a good story, a good laugh and a good man need look no further. *Coming Home* by Daniel Wolfe, off-the-curb champ, once again hits the ball right out of

the park.

Coming Home: The Rest of the Story by Daniel Wolfe may be ordered from Barnes & Noble or on line at Amazon.com.

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