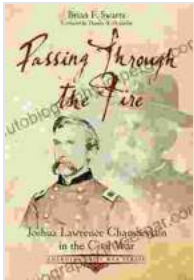


Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain: The Lion of Chickamauga



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Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was a Union general during the American Civil War. He is best known for his heroic defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg. Chamberlain was a courageous and innovative leader, and his story is an inspiration to us all.

Early Life and Education

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was born in Brewer, Maine, on September 8, 1828. He was the son of Joshua Chamberlain, a sea captain, and Sarah Brackett Chamberlain. Chamberlain's father died when he was young, and his mother raised him and his siblings in poverty. Despite his humble beginnings, Chamberlain was a bright and ambitious young man. He attended Bowdoin College, where he graduated in 1852.

Military Career

After graduating from Bowdoin, Chamberlain taught school and studied law. In 1862, the Civil War broke out, and Chamberlain enlisted in the Union Army. He was commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment. Chamberlain quickly rose through the ranks, and by the summer of 1863, he was commanding a brigade in the Army of the Potomac.

Chamberlain's most famous battle was the Battle of Gettysburg. On July 2, 1863, Chamberlain's brigade was ordered to defend Little Round Top, a key hilltop position. The Confederates launched a series of fierce attacks on Little Round Top, but Chamberlain and his men held their ground. Chamberlain was severely wounded in the battle, but he refused to leave the field. His heroic defense of Little Round Top helped to turn the tide of the battle in favor of the Union.

After the Battle of Gettysburg, Chamberlain continued to serve in the Union Army. He fought in several other major battles, including the Battle of the Wilderness and the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. In 1865, Chamberlain was promoted to brigadier general. He was mustered out of the Army in 1866.

Post-War Career

After the war, Chamberlain returned to Maine, where he resumed his law practice. He also served as governor of Maine from 1871 to 1874. Chamberlain was a strong advocate for veterans' rights, and he helped to establish the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Chamberlain died in Portland, Maine, on February 24, 1914. He is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Brunswick, Maine.

Legacy

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Chamberlain's legacy continues to inspire us today. He is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, courage and determination can prevail.

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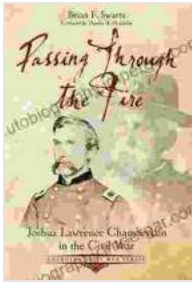


Chamberlain at the Battle of Gettysburg



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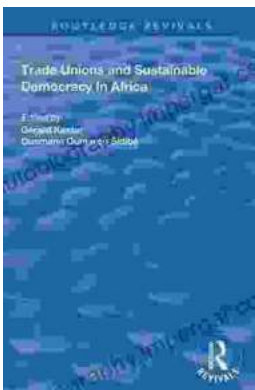
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