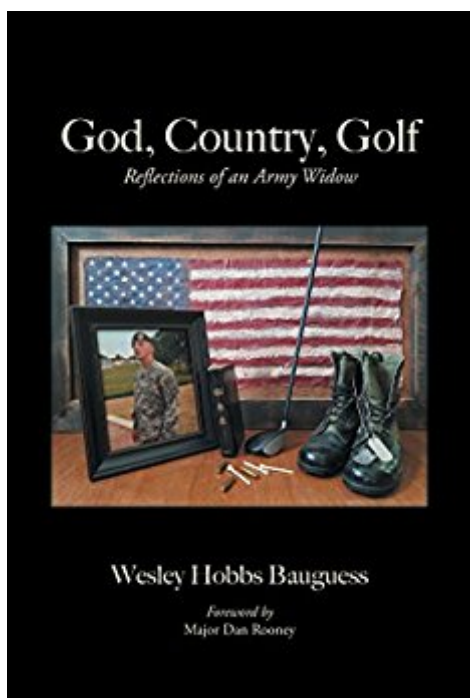


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# God, Country, Golf: Reflections Of An Army Widow



## Synopsis

Growing up as a girl with a boy's name, Wesley Hobbs was predestined to take the road less traveled. She spent her youth on the beautiful golf courses of Southwest Florida. While her high school friends wanted to go to Florida colleges, Wesley accepted a golf scholarship to Appalachian State University in the North Carolina Mountains. In college, when she and her friends discovered the Army ROTC boys and listened to their stories, her friends wanted to date them. She wanted to join them. As an Army cadet, Wesley met a good Christian young man who shared his faith and stole her heart. She married Larry Bauguess during her senior year. Upon graduation, they entered the Army and served together as Lieutenants and Captains. The Army life was perfect for this patriotic duo. They had a wonderful marriage for nearly fourteen years and were blessed with two beautiful daughters along the way. Tragedy struck in May 2007, when Larry was killed in action while serving overseas with the 82nd Airborne Division. Wesley and her tiny daughters were at home at Fort Bragg when the notification team delivered the heartbreaking news. How would they ever go on without him? Eventually, Wesley discovered that she already had all the tools she needed. The lessons she learned at church, in the Army and on the golf course had already shaped her character. They had already taught her patience and resilience. Those lessons would serve her well and give her the strength to carry on. This is her story.

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## Customer Reviews

I LOVED this book! I could not put it down. I read it in one sitting. Wesley has a wonderfully rare and authentic voice. She reminds all of us that when we are ambushed by unimaginable loss, devoting ourselves to others and finding love, faith and courage in the ordinary things will guide us down new fairways. Incredibly honest, selfless and Patriotic. Her story and her indomitable spirit, like her earliest passion for golf, will inspire you every step of the way to the 18th hole!

I have the pleasure of calling this amazing woman my dear friend. I knew Larry and Wesley when they first met and Larry was my college neighbor and always there when I needed a hand with anything. I love them both with all my heart and to read Wesley's story opens up a different side of her I haven't experienced in a long while. The book makes you realize the REAL sacrifice that families give, not just the soldiers. It is true and from the heart and I think shows what true perseverance really means. Their daughters have lived a very different life than most without their father, but they were always taught who he was, what he stood for and just how much they both meant to him everyday! I recommend this book to anyone, not just those with a common bond in experience or a curious reader. It will open your eyes to real life experience and true feeling and heart.

Wow! This story hit every emotion in my body. Every American should read or know this story about two people that served "God & Country" from their very first meeting in college. A family that gave their all for the security and freedoms that we enjoy today. A powerful, well written book that deserves the same attention as "Option B" by Sheryl Sandberg. A must read about one military family and the sacrifice mothers, fathers, wives, sons, daughters, sisters and brothers endure every day.

This book is a much needed look into the family life of our military. It sheds a beautiful light on

responsibility, faith, soldiering on after supreme adversity, selfless dedication and sincere desire to help others. BRAVO, Wesley Hobbs Baugess, you have made a difference with this book!

Fantastic book! Excellent writing. This book shows the courage and faith of an army widow, and her journey after losing the love of her life. She tries to find her purpose in her new life without her husband and raising their kids. She takes a horrible tragedy and uses her faith and love of golf to find her greater purpose in helping others. A great read!

This book has been such a blessing to me. I Laughed. I Cried. I understand more fully the sacrifice our men and women in uniform make for our country. As one who loves God, Country, and Golf (as a spectator....my husband is the player) this book is now one of my favorites for so many reasons. It is a blessing to know Wesley and her family see how she has taken this experience that was meant for evil and she has used it for good. Something we all can do. Thank you Wesley. - Kathy

God, Country, and Golf has become a treasured book in our household. My husband was fortunate to serve with Larry Baugess while stationed at Ft. Polk, LA, and talks of him as a great leader and soldier. It is so humbling to read how God has worked in the lives of the Baugess family. In today's troubled times, this book is refreshing to read as it reminds us how God works His beautiful will in all of our lives. I wish I could give this book more stars!!

Excellent book, written by an incredible woman! Wesley does an excellent job of telling her story and sharing how the 3 words in the title carry her through life. I highly recommend everyone read this book.

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