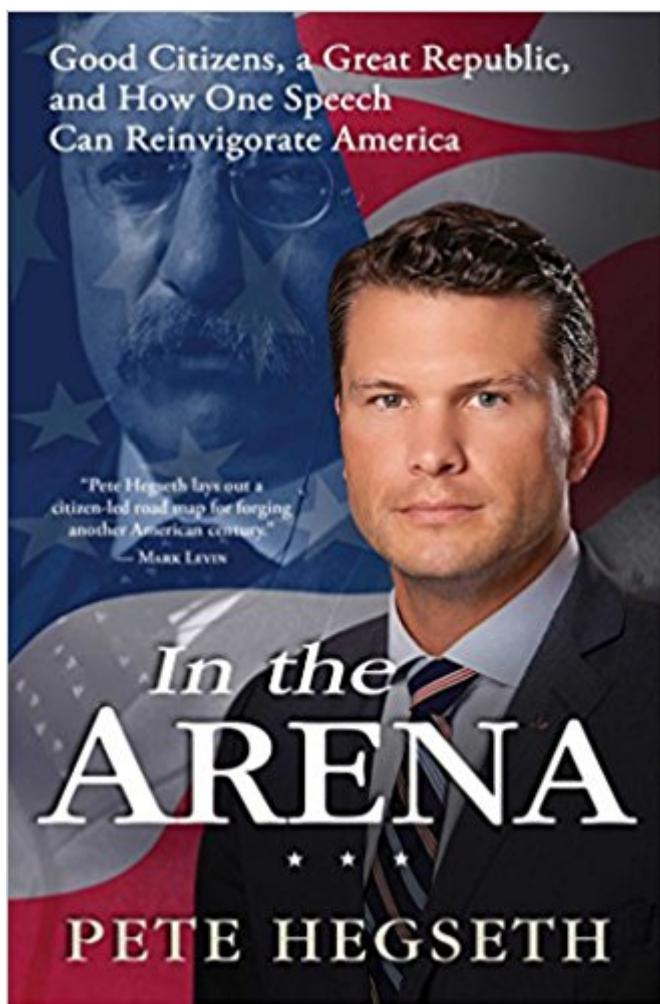


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# In The Arena: Good Citizens, A Great Republic, And How One Speech Can Reinvigorate America



## Synopsis

A vigorous call-to-arms to reignite American citizenship at home and restore American power abroad, using the timeless truths of Teddy Roosevelt's iconic "Man in the Arena" speech, by the Fox News contributor and decorated Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran. Pete Hegseth makes an impassioned and experiential argument for how Teddy Roosevelt's articulation of "good citizens," "equality of opportunity," and unapologetic U.S. leadership can renew our imperiled American experiment and save the free world, in this fascinating, first-hand challenge to elite progressivism, ahistorical foreign policy, and status-quo politics. Despite contention surrounding Teddy Roosevelt's legacy, Hegseth argues that the Rough Rider's exhortation serves as a timeless wake-up call for our Republic. Hegseth resurrects Roosevelt's famous "Citizenship in a Republic" address—best known for the "Man in the Arena" quote—as a roadmap for addressing the massive challenges facing America today. In order to rejuvenate what makes America exceptional, we must unapologetically get back into Roosevelt's arena—as engaged "good citizens" at home and powerful "good patriots" in the world. Bolstered by gripping personal experience, Hegseth channels Teddy Roosevelt's words to make a case for turning America's highest ideals into action through the gritty virtues of citizenship, the dogged pursuit of equal opportunity, and aggressive commitment to winning the wars we fight—including the Iraq War. An exceptional American experiment was entrusted to "average citizens" in 1776 and has been perpetuated by every generation since—until now. If we won't fight for America, then what will we fight for? And if not now, then when? Get in the arena!

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"With America's free society being strangled by progressives and bureaucrats at home and America's leadership assaulted by Islamists and globalists abroad, Pete Hegseth lays out a citizen-led roadmap for rejecting decline and forging another American century." (Mark Levin, nationally syndicated radio host and #1 New York Times best-selling author of *Plunder and Deceit*)

“In the Arena is more than a memoir of service in a dangerous time for our country. It is also a call of a true patriot for all Americans to heed Roosevelt’s challenge and take up the task of restoring American exceptionalism before it is too late.” (Karl Rove, New York Times bestselling author of *Courage and Consequence*)

“Invoking the words of Teddy Roosevelt, Pete makes an important case for others to join him in the area by being good and engaged citizens. *In the Arena* is a must-read that underscores our collective responsibility to restore America’s role as an exceptional and indispensable global leader.” (Senator John McCain (R-AZ))

“Pete Hegseth’s *In the Arena* is a soldier’s clear-eyed perspective on the challenges we face in a new world disorder. It’s also a clarion call for “We the People” to save our Republic. If you care about your family’s future; before the next election, you need to read this book!” (Lt Col Oliver North USMC (Ret), New York Times bestselling author of *American Heroes on the Homefront* and host of *War Stories* on FOX News)

“Pete Hegseth has written a contemporary update to Theodore Roosevelt’s iconic “man in the arena” speech, one that makes for insightful and important reading.” (Ambassador John Bolton, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.)

“Pete Hegseth has spent a lot of time on battlefields—both metaphorical ones in Washington, and actual ones in Iraq and Afghanistan—and he’s returned with a gritty and fascinating critique of a coddled, entitled—and therefore, imperiled—America in the age of Obama. The result is this book. Buy a copy. You’ll come away stronger.” (Tucker Carlson, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Caller* and co-host of *FOX & Friends*)

“This book is not a memoir—it’s a call to arms. Warrior Pete Hegseth makes a powerful case for renewing the conservative cause at home and reinvigorating American leadership abroad. Pete

lights the way toward another essential, free and powerful American century. (Katie Pavlich, editor of Townhall.com, FOX News contributor, and best-selling author of *Assault and Flattery*) "Pete Hegseth has written a book that's at once informative and inspiring, educational and captivating. His hero Teddy Roosevelt would have enjoyed it. So will you." (William Kristol, editor of *The Weekly Standard*) "Pete Hegseth has written an impassioned, wide-ranging book that is a rallying cry for engaged patriots to get in the arena, where we belong." (Rich Lowry, editor of *National Review*) "Pete Hegseth tells the hard truths about what American needs, at home and overseas, to make the 21st century an American century. A must-read for patriots who want to fight for a free and strong America." (Kimberly Guilfoyle, FOX News co-host of *The Five* and author of *Making the Case*) "A compelling book from a rising star. Pete Hegseth has faced the enemies of civilization in Iraq and the enemies of democracy in Washington, and his personal journey has led him to demand practical steps to put our country on a course toward 'a more perfect union' again. In an age of fluff, Hegseth delivers substance: a stand-up work from an upstanding patriot." (Ralph Peters, Fox News Strategic Analyst and author of *Valley of the Shadow*) "Every page, clear and concise, forces the reader to pause and to think: What sort of America do we want, and how do we get there? A smart, combat-proven soldier with a resounding message, Pete Hegseth is a modern-day Teddy Roosevelt. He writes with verve." (Bing West, bestselling author of *One Million Steps: a Marine Platoon at War*) "Comes as a tonic—a good-spirited and very personal lecture." (David French, *National Review*) "In the Arena is a timely reminder of citizenship's call to defend the American experiment. Pete Hegseth reminds us we're each capable of the enduring commitment to advance freedom, whether through military service or by pursuing the American dream here at home." (Senator Tom Cotton (R-AK), Iraq and Afghanistan veteran) "America needs this book now more than ever. Pete Hegseth brilliantly resurrects one of the finest speeches in history and illustrates how a great republic is maintained through citizenry, family, honesty and patriotism." (Robert J. O'Neill, *SEAL Team Six*) "In this engaging, well-written book, drawing on the courageous virtues Teddy Roosevelt championed a century ago, Hegseth exhorts America to renew herself. It is a challenge—and an inspiration." (Andrew C. McCarthy, *National Review* contributing editor and New York Times bestselling author of *The Grand Jihad*) "This book gives voice to our generation's fight and makes a convincing case for applying the lessons we learned—strength, resolve, and leadership, among the many—to a continued world of dangerous threats. If you love America, and are concerned about our future, you should

read this book. (Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Iraq and Afghanistan veteran) "Be careful picking up this book, because it will motivate you to take action. This book grabs you by the shirt collar. Pete Hegseth makes an impassioned and informed case for a tough-minded foreign policy as only he can. Pete already went to war for us" •read In the Arena and find out why." (S.E. Cupp, CNN commentator and author of *Losing Our Religion: The Liberal Media's Attack on Christianity*) "Hegseth breaks down the poignant truths of an iconic American hero. This is a must read for anybody who desires to know what America really stands for and the underlying principles that make our country great." (Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Iraq and Afghanistan veteran) "A wake up call from an American patriot, soldier, and father that our nation's greatness depends on each one of us getting into the fight." (Buck Sexton, The Blaze radio and television host and former CIA officer) "Pete Hegesth, who was among those who bravely risked their lives for our beloved nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, has given us a fine book explaining what it means to be "in the arena" and why it is critical for all of us to stand up and speak out for limited government and fidelity to the Constitution and the fundamental freedoms it protects." (Robert P. George, author of *Conscience and Its Enemies*) "In this extraordinary book, Pete Hegseth shows how civic rhetoric, properly understood, can help recover civic spirit. This intellectual case for active patriotism could hardly be more timely." (Yuval Levin, editor of *National Affairs*)

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Highly recommend this book...a refreshing call to action on why citizens need to assume responsibility for our country and choose to be an active participant in this great nation instead of a passive, disengaged resident.

I just finished a new book called "In the Arena" by Major Pete Hegseth USA. He is a 35 year old

"New Generation of Warrior & Leader"! I normally don't do book endorsements, but this one Stands Out, "Way Out"! Pete is one guy that really "Gets It"! It's a modern day US History Lesson. Pete hits each and every point right on the head. The Premise is anchored in a 1.5 hour speech that Col. Theodore Roosevelt gave in Paris to over 3,000 people in 1910 after his Presidency. I've learned so much from this book. It's helped tie a lot of things together for me. Only one word can describe this book: "Out-f-ingstanding! So get a copy or two. I promises you won't be disappointed. Yesterday I ordered 6 additional copies through to give to family and friends. I'm a retired Marine and some of you say that we can't read. So I also got a copy in the "Audible" format. See "Now I Can Read"! (-:] "MOLON LABE" Fellow Warriors and stay "In the Arena"! JD Hilton, Lt. Col. USMC Ret.

This is a MUST read for everyone who is a citizen of this country and it's a must read for people who strive to be a part of this country. It gives a firsthand perspective of someone who's been there, done that with relation to Iraq and Afghanistan and opens the readers eyes as to what happened and what can happen. Pete gives a pathway to what we, as citizens, can and must do to make America strong and great once more. He shows that it is up to us, WE THE PEOPLE, to make a difference and become a part of the fabric.....to put our mind, body and spirit into holding dear our Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights and to enter the arena wholeheartedly

Great Book! Old school values revitalized into modern day purpose. Every American should read and re-read; regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex or political views..... This is straight from a red blooded American, who "gets it" and has been in the "Arena". Do yourself a favor.... Read It!

Pete Hegseth served his country and now continues to serve this great nation with a book every citizen should read! IN THE ARENA challenges each of to live out our character each and every day and keep America as the exceptional nation our forefathers left to us and preserve this great country for our children and grandchildren.

A must read for 2016! At a time when America is in free fall on the world stage, we could use a history lesson on why this nation has been great. Pete Hegseth masterfully recalls one of our finest presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, and his legendary speech at the Sorbonne in 1910. "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood..." While it's easy to sit back and take shots at

others, it's an entirely different matter to achieve something difficult. Well done to Pete for bringing back TR's wise words to the public discourse. Bravo!

As a former American History teacher, I want to heartily recommend Pete Hegseth's book. I just finished reading it last night. Every American should read this book to understand the role that the US Republic has played in history and why our Republic is the only one who has continued through over 2 centuries. His use of Teddy Roosevelt's speech to the French Sorbonne in 1910 to explain the difference between the French Revolution and ours is important but France too after starts and fits is again a Republic. Pete is extremely intelligent and a strong patriot for our country. He's also very personable whenever he's on Fox News/Business. His plan for our future is vitally needed at this time.

He loves Theodore Roosevelt. I was more interested in his military experience which was good.

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