



**ANDREW CARROLL**  
**NY TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR / DIRECTOR OF THE LEGACY PROJECT**

A magna cum laude graduate of Columbia University, Andrew Carroll is the editor of three *New York Times* bestsellers, including the acclaimed *WAR LETTERS: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars*. The book inspired the critically acclaimed PBS documentary, *War Letters*, produced by American Experience, and the audio version was nominated for a Grammy. All of Carroll's earnings from *WAR LETTERS* are donated to veterans groups and nonprofit organizations throughout the country.

Carroll is also the director of the Legacy Project, a national volunteer effort that encourages Americans to seek out and preserve wartime correspondence before letters are lost or destroyed. Launched in 1998, the Legacy Project has received over 75,000 never before seen letters from every war in this nation's history, including emails from Afghanistan and Iraq. Carroll was inspired to start the project after his family's home in Washington, DC burned down and all of his possessions - including his personal letters - were lost.

In partnership with the Pentagon, Carroll revived the Armed Services Editions (ASEs) in 2002. The ASEs are national bestsellers and great works of literature formatted in pocket-sized editions especially for the military. First given to US troops serving in World War II, the ASEs were discontinued in 1947. In the past two years, Carroll has distributed hundreds of thousands of these free books to US service men and women stationed overseas, having personally handed out ASEs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Carroll's newest book, *Behind the Lines*, is the result of his 35-nation trip around the world to seek out never before seen war letters and emails of American troops, as well as soldiers and civilians from other countries. From Sarajevo and Auschwitz to Kabul and Baghdad, Carroll traveled for almost eight months searching for letters, talking with veterans and deployed troops, and visiting battlefields and war memorials around the globe. From this unprecedented journey, he not only found some of the most remarkable war letters ever written, he gained valuable insight into the nature of both war and peace. "What has affected me the most about this project," Carroll says, "is that it transcends the subject of war. It's about conflict, love, fear, hope, passion, courage, and reconciliation."

Since the publication of *Behind the Lines*, Carroll has embarked on a 50-state promotional tour, including travel overseas to talk about the book in countries that are publishing the foreign-language edition. "This is more than a book," Carroll says, "It's part of a larger mission to save these letters and help this and future generations better understand war itself and the sacrifices made by those who serve."

Carroll has been featured on NPR, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *Nightline*, and *Oprah*. He was also a "Person of the Week" on ABC's *World News Tonight with Peter Jennings*, and he has been profiled in every major American newspaper and in many publications throughout the world.

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