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In his thoroughly researched and documented book *Ascent to Greatness*, Raymond F. McNair brings his writing skills to bear on a subject of utmost importance as America commences the third century of her national existence.

How America Became Great

Winston S. Churchill once said that America has "arrived at the summit of the world."

Now, Raymond F. McNair, seasoned veteran journalist, brings his skills to bear in writing a penetrating, thought-provoking, highly exciting and vivid account of the United States' unparalleled rise to power. Tracing America's meteoric rise from thirteen struggling, precarious colonies to the world's foremost super-power in just 200 years, he probes the reasons and causes of America's fantastic journey to greatness, revealing the all important "invisible thread" through America's history.

In *Ascent to Greatness*, Raymond F. McNair tells:

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- ... the incredible ordeal at Valley Forge.
- ... the whole story behind the world's greatest land grab bargain.
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- ... how a little known "miracle" stopped Rommel's army at El Alamein.
- ... the incredible plot that destroyed Hitler's A-bomb project.
- ... the tightly guarded secret that swung the balance of World War II.
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One of the outstanding features of this fascinating American history is its many scores of valuable quotations from the Founding Fathers, important generals and other national figures — as well as treasured quotes from dozens of world leaders. The inclusion of important Presidential Proclamations, and State papers make this highly attractive volume a valuable source of easy reference material for speakers, writers, editors, lecturers, ministers, teachers and students.