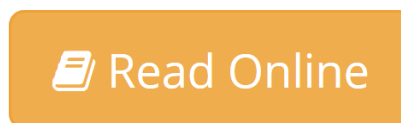


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"Daniel's service to his country and his ability to follow his dreams is what is truly right with America. His story, as movingly told in Rise, is a great example of where hard work, determination, and a never-quit attitude can get you." —**Sal Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient and author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Living with Honor***

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