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"One of the things that DeBlanck performs exceptionally well is that he touches in a small but precise way just what Tolstoy does, and that is the way in which the deeply personal and specific elements of war touch upon its vast scope and universality . . . I heartily recommend this book and I believe DeBlanck should keep on writing this kind of novel. He does it well." **(Gerald Weaver, author of *Gospel Prism*)**

"Where were you when the twin towers were hit, the Soviets set up nukes in Cuba, or the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor? . . . *The Sky Buries All Sorrow* explores how these events, spanning from the 1940s to the 2000s, transform a family . . . You'll smell the burning jet fuel, taste the family's holiday dinner, and feel the wave of emotion from the crumbling towers." **(Jonathan Sturak, author of *A Smudge of Gray*)**

"When I read DeBlanck's work, I get a sense of waiting for the other shoe to drop and am anxious to get on with the story. In addition to enjoying the Cooper family saga, I was pleased to see the encore of the Ramos brothers and find out what happened to them." **(Linda Jarosz, author of *Detour: Fossil Creek Estates*)**

"With *The Sky Buries All Sorrow*, DeBlanck revisits well-known tragedies in U.S. history. As he did so well in *The Ramos Brothers Trust Castro and Kennedy*, the author views these events through the lens of finely wrought characters, following their lives through the decades. I am always impressed by the sheer amount of heart that goes into these books and by the lush, lovely prose throughout. Highly recommend." **(Nicole McInnes, author of *100 Days*)**

"Roger DeBlanck takes us on a journey spanning more than seventy years,from World War II to the horrific realization of war on our own soil on September 11, 2001 . . . He has gripped the very essence of family and country." **(Vicki-Ann Bush, author of *The Dusk Chronicles*)**

"The story encompasses history, politics, family, love, loss, disappointment, courage and overcoming loss. The character development is outstanding. I felt as if I personally knew each character . . . I highly recommend this fantastic book for all, especially lovers of historical fiction and American history." **(Donald Ozello, author of *Running*)**

"I could relate to this story with my grandfather serving in the military, my father and then myself and the emotions I went through when I joined the military and then went overseas to serve before 9/11 happened . . . [Roger DeBlanck's novel is] an emotional journey filled with chaos and hope, struggle and perseverance." **(J.G. Debs, author of *Back in Two Weeks*)**

"So much of the WWII history and the associated feelings that DeBlanck wrote rang true for me because of what my father and his four brothers recounted from those dark days. I found the death, misery, and hardships, as well as the sacrifices, were well-written and impactful." **(Judy Shine Logan, author of *Shelter Me*)**

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Roger DeBlanck is the author of three novels, *The Destruction of Silence*, *The Sky Buries All Sorrow*, and *The Ramos Brothers Trust Castro and Kennedy*, and a book of poetry, *Empire of the Mind*. He has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a master's degree in Information Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He works as a librarian in a large public library in Las

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