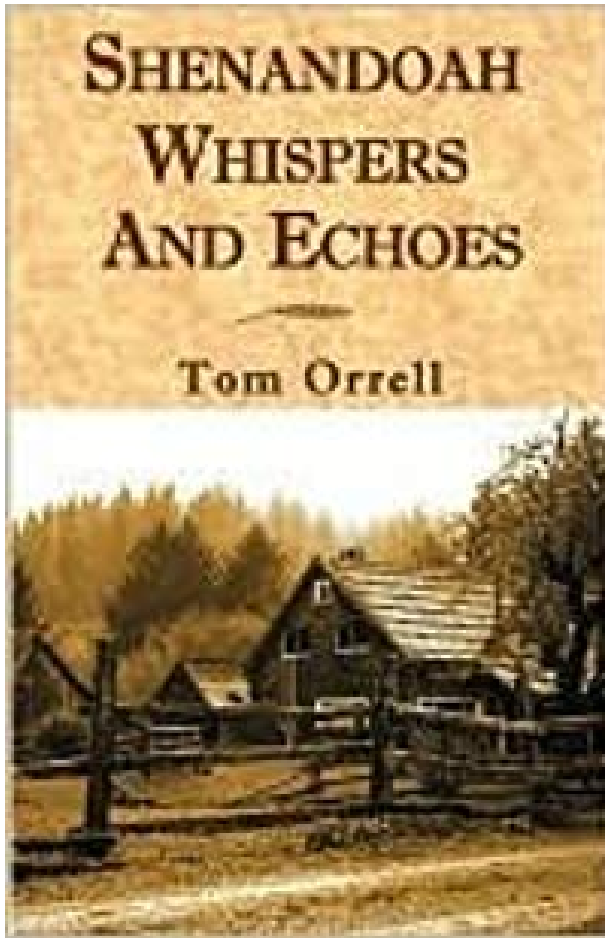


Shenandoah Whispers and Echoes



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Shenandoah Whispers And Echoes is a historical fiction novella that is actually a story within a story. Right away the reader is drawn in with a mysterious and unexpected discovery in the present, then flashes back to the past by means of an old handwritten journal. It gives a unique, first person account of life in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in the latter half of the 19th century. In the words of James Randolph Wise, this simple Southern man's experiences are set against the backdrop of the Civil War and its aftermath and serve as the focal points of this candid and bittersweet tale. It is constructed within the framework of actual historical events as it takes great pains to stay true to history. It was a simpler, purer, complicated era and time slows down. Through this thoroughly engrossing narrative we experience the triumphs and tragedies of this boy growing into manhood along with his family, experiencing the American Civil War and its aftermath in a whole new light. This topic as told from that perspective make the book rather fresh and unique. This story exposes some of the myths and injustices about the war in the Shenandoah Valley. Some of the revelations of that war may shock the reader with indignation, but rest assured that the fine line between fact and fiction is often indistinguishable and not often pleasant. It's the story of gradual change in one man and in a nation. Most importantly, it's a tale of resilience and determination of the human spirit in both the best and worst of times. Southerners can readily relate to and identify with this tale. It is a story set in a time and place that deserves revisiting. This book espouses the universal themes of family, honor, truth, faith, love, war, and

tragedy. These themes all have a time-tested track record of wide appeal among people everywhere - regard of age, religion, sex, race, education, income, or geographic region. As for a specific core target audience, this story has the definite potential to appeal in particular to Southern folks with deep family roots in the old South. "Shenandoah Whispers And Echoes will haunt your conscience and genuinely move you. About the Author Tom Orrell was born and raised in Virginia and currently lives in Maryland. After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute with academic and military distinction, a bachelor s degree in history, and a regular army commission, he then served as an officer in the U.S.

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He is a life long student of history and literature. He has researched his family history back to colonial times in Virginia. He is also a descendant of no than five Confederate veterans and farmers in the Old Dominion state. Tom is married with two daughters and often reads and writes for fun in his free time. Tom has written two books, Shenandoah Whispers And Echoes, which was followed by, A Life Most Richly Deserved. A third book is currently under development.