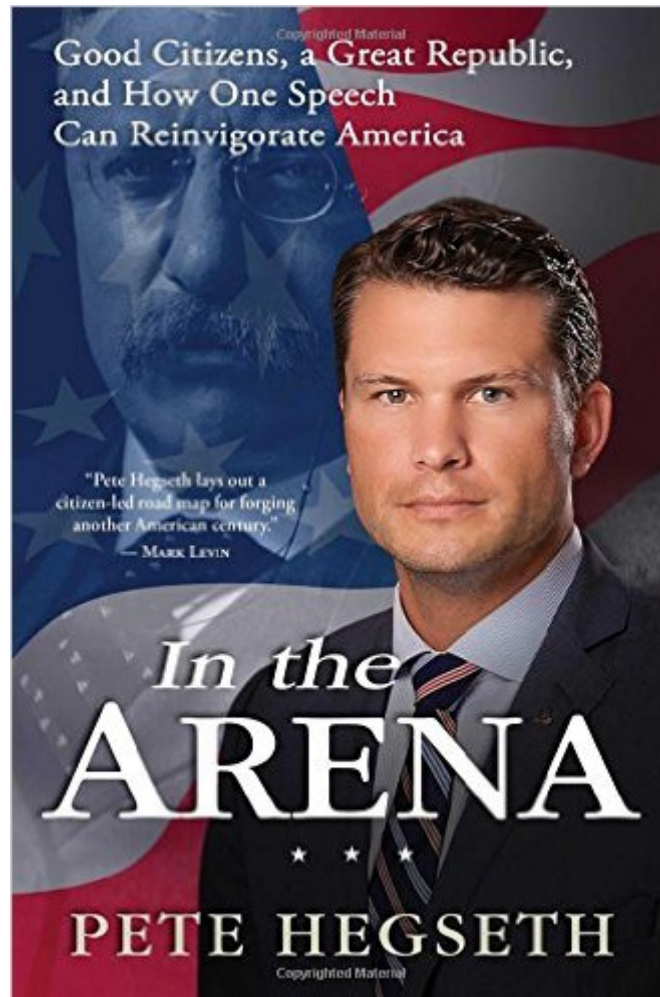


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In The Arena: Good Citizens, A Great Republic, And How One Speech Can Reinvigorate America



Synopsis

A vigorous call-to-arms to reignite American citizenship at home and restore American power abroad, using the timeless truths of Teddy Roosevelt's iconic "Man in the Arena" speech, by the Fox News contributor and decorated Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran. Pete Hegseth makes an impassioned and experiential argument for how Teddy Roosevelt's articulation of "good citizens," "equality of opportunity," and unapologetic U.S. leadership "can renew our imperiled American experiment and save the free world, in this fascinating, first-hand challenge to elite progressivism, ahistorical foreign policy, and status-quo politics. Despite contention surrounding Teddy Roosevelt's legacy, Hegseth argues that the Rough Rider's exhortation serves as a timeless wake-up call for our Republic. Hegseth resurrects Roosevelt's famous "Citizenship in a Republic" address "best known for the "Man in the Arena" quote" as a roadmap for addressing the massive challenges facing America today. In order to rejuvenate what makes America exceptional, we must unapologetically get back into Roosevelt's arena "as engaged "good citizens" at home and powerful "good patriots" in the world. Bolstered by gripping personal experience, Hegseth channels Teddy Roosevelt's words to make a case for turning America's highest ideals into action through the gritty virtues of citizenship, the dogged pursuit of equal opportunity, and aggressive commitment to winning the wars we fight "including the Iraq War. An exceptional American experiment was entrusted to "average citizens" in 1776 and has been perpetuated by every generation since "until now. If we won't fight for America, then what will we fight for? And if not now, then when? Get in the arena!

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In *The Arena* by Pete Hegseth is a thoughtful and reasoned breakdown of Theodore Roosevelt's 1910 "Citizenship in a Republic" speech delivered at the Sorbonne – a speech most commonly known for the "Man in the Arena" passage within. Section by section the speech is broken down, and he illustrates America's failings on each point, along with suggestions for a path forward. At varying points throughout the text, he illustrates his own personal development from a clueless youth to a conservative editor who spoke his mind. A journey from a Wall Street functionary to an Infantry Platoon Leader in Iraq to an Infantry Officer tasked with civil affairs duties in the heart of one of Iraq's most ancient cities. In a few short years, Hegseth moved from a freshly returned veteran to an inexperienced grassroots lobbyist (in the best possible meaning of that term) on Capitol Hill, to an embedded reporter, ultimately ending up as a Fox News contributor. Yet this is not a memoir; rather, he uses the outline of his life to illustrate the values and convictions that he has grown to hold dear as well as why he holds them, all through the lens of Teddy Roosevelt's famous speech. Though Hegseth writes with a conservative bias, any thoughtful American of any political orientation can take something positive away from this book. Your views may be at odds with Hegseth's regarding bumper stickers, President Barack Obama, or bicycle helmets, but even if you disagree with the examples he uses to illustrate his points the thrust of his argument remains valid. Our citizens are disengaged, and citizenship itself has little meaning to most Americans.

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