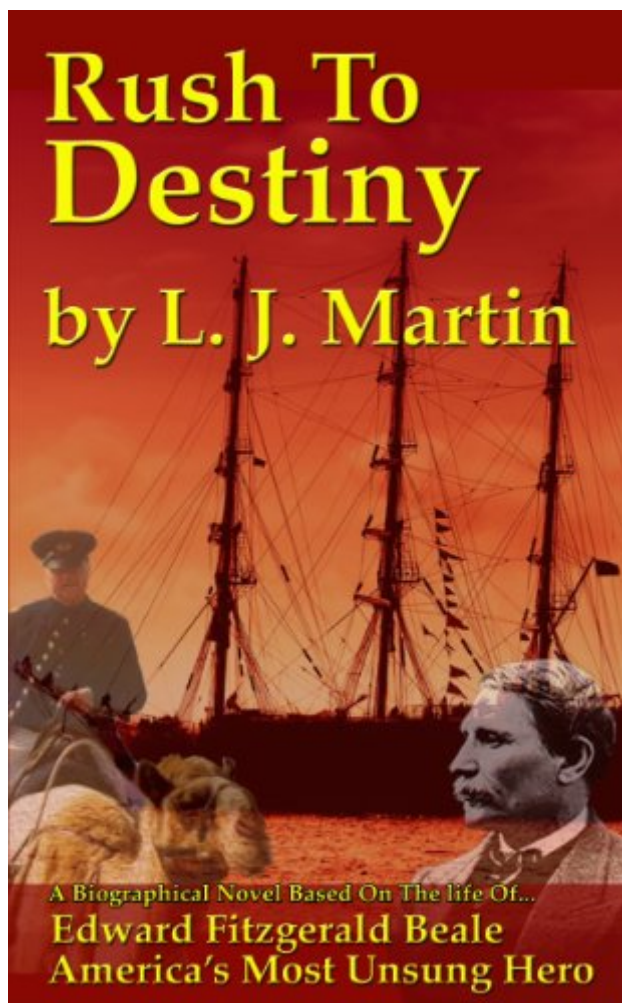


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# Rush To Destiny



## Synopsis

RUSH TO DESTINY is based on the early life of the west's most quintessential hero, Edward Fitzgerald Beale. Ned Beale crossed the country horseback 13 times, he was the hero of the Battle of San Pasqual, the leader of the great camel experiment, carried the first evidence of the California gold rush to congress, fought the slave trade, was an Indian agent in California, and so much more. Beale's exploits eclipsed those of Fremont, Stockton, Custer, and even Kit Carson's, who said of Beale, "I can't believe this man, Ned Beale." My finest compliment as an author came from a California high school history teacher who said, "my students learn more California history from your book than from all their texts, ...and love doing it." Don't miss the adventures of this true hero.

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## Customer Reviews

Frankly I've read and studied a lot about U.S. History however I've never come across the name of John F. Beales before. He is definitely an American Hero who opened up much of the west particularly California in the early days. I've read and studied about Manifest Destiny however more as a theory than a completed topic with actionable characters. J.L. Martin does an excellent job in

deciphering and explaining the history of this gentleman. His research is impeccable and brings out the qualities that a person would need to have to do what Beale's accomplished in his life. My only regret about my purchase of the book is that I did my purchase in Kindle and therefore do not have a copy in print for my library. As an old timer, I like to get historical topics that are not common place in my personal library to hand down to my children and grandchildren. The study of U.S. History in particular has been highly politicalized in the past 20-30 years and therefore our younger generation may lose the essence of what made this country the greatest in the history of the world. I say this as a retired high school teacher of 31 years.

Rush to Destiny was the first book of L.J. Martin's I have read but it won't be my last. What a great read filled with history and information I devoured it and was left wanting more. Anyone who loves history and knowledge of our past will enjoy this book. Not only a history lesson but an enjoyable one. Highly recommended a great read.

I purchased this book over a month ago and just never got around to reading it until now. Yesterday was a nasty, dreary, rainy day and I just wanted to curl up with a book. I chose this from my ebook library because I have fallen in love with L J Martin's writing style and his characters. Western-type books had never been my cup of tea until I read 'Nemesis' by L J Martin and now I'm looking for more from him in that genre. I opened the book and I was immediately hit with a question... Who is Ned Beale? I was a straight A student, although it has been many years since, and I am fairly knowledgeable about the major historical characters, especially in those times that appealed to me. Tales of the Wild West appeal to me. But I can't remember ever having heard of Ned Beale. Everything seemed new to me, facts and information I don't remember from school about a man I had never heard of. Until near the end of the book when the camels arrived. NOW I remember a little bit about Ned Beale. Well, at least I remember the camels. Doesn't matter if you remember Ned Beale from school history classes or not. The book is lively and entertaining and you don't even realize you are learning another history lesson. Until near the end, if you are like me, and the camel story stuck in your mind years ago. I highly recommend this book to anyone with even the slightest interest in the history of our great country. L J Martin writes it as if he actually experienced it and he will draw you into his tale just as surely as honey draws ants!

In all my years, I have barely read any biographical novels. As a matter of fact, I think the last one I read was in high school, farther back than I care to mention. It's just not my kind of genre, normally.

All that being said, I find this book to be captivating and enjoyable. I can picture the scenes in my mind as I read, like a movie. I feel like I'm walking alongside Ned Beale through his adventures, continually impressed by this ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. On a separate note, I feel as if I've learned a great deal about my nation's history as well as naval history. My father and grandfather served in the U.S. Navy, and I recall them telling many stories of their experiences. I feel the same sense of history coming alive as I read this story. The author has truly done a splendid job. This book is not just for history buffs, it's for anyone who loves a good story.

From the first words in Chapter One: "The late afternoon wind whistled mournfully, whipping wet-frigid air off the bay, rattling the many lines of the barren tri-masted vessel against wood and furled canvas," you are aware of being in the presence of a master craftsman whose words penetrate and surround to transport the reader into another realm. In "Rush to Destiny," author L J Martin carries us back almost 200 years to participate in the life of Edward Fitzgerald Beale to taste high adventure, feel pride, fear, and exhilaration. We are impressed with his sense of purpose, experience war and bloodshed, are filled with his compassion, his anger, frustration, and every emotion conceivable in the life of a courageous, determined man who believes in destiny. The storyline, woven into actual events and dates, offers a very effective way to learn American history. If you resonate with historical fiction, you will be rapt. If you haven't yet experienced a work of Martin's, you'll become an instant fan. And if you've never really been a history buff, you'll become a convert. A powerful read. Highly recommended.

This historical novel is well written and very exciting. I really enjoyed it. Rush To Destiny tells the incredible story of Edward Fitzgerald Beale and his fascinating life story starting with becoming a naval officer, on the hunt for slavers, then an explorer who wanted to provide a way across the west for people to travel to California. This is because Beale was farsighted enough to see the future potential of developing California. The author does a good job in providing a good study of a man who led a very interesting life. The author blends history and great adventure in such a way as to make it a very hard book to put down.

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