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About Chris J. Hartley

Author of Stoneman's Raid, 1865

Lovingly referred to as a “history nerd” by his wife, Laurie, Chris J. Hartley was raised at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Wilkesboro, N.C. As a child, he was captivated by stories of regular people who achieved greatness and became curious about the historic events that happened in his own backyard.

Chris graduated from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism and a secondary concentration in history and has worked in the marketing departments of such companies as Tyson Foods and Inmar. He is now the Vice President of Marketing at Blue Rhino.

His first book, *Stuart's Tarheels: James B. Gordon and His North Carolina Cavalry*, covered the history of a general from Chris's hometown. More recently, *Stoneman's Raid, 1865* tells the complete story of one of the longest cavalry raids in U.S. military history. In addition to his books, Chris contributes his writing to popular history periodicals such as *Blue & Gray* and *America's Civil War*, and is a frequent speaker for history groups.

Chris lives in Pfafftown, N.C. with his wife and two daughters, Caroline Ruth and Taylor Ann, both named for real people from history—Caroline for the sister of Confederate Brigadier General James B. Gordon and Taylor for General Maxwell B. Taylor, a World War II paratrooper general.

For more about Chris Hartley and *Stoneman's Raid, 1865*, visit www.stonemansraid.com.

