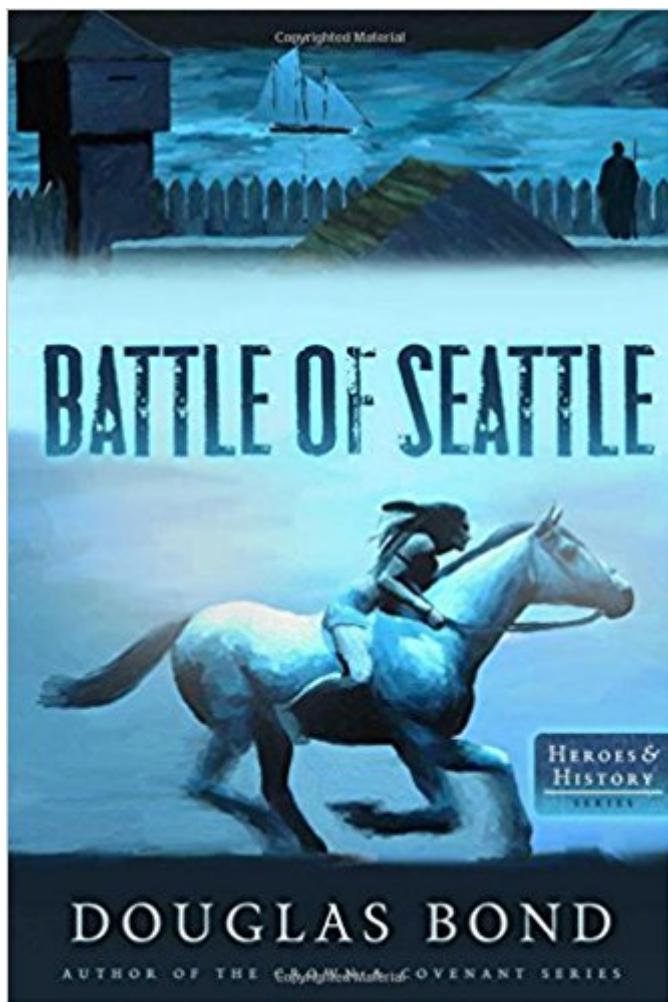


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# The Battle Of Seattle (Heroes & History)



## **Synopsis**

It's 1855, and tensions in the Pacific Northwest between white settlers and native tribes have led to scores of deaths on both sides. As all-out war seems inevitable, young William Tidd, an express rider for the militia, joins Charles Eaton's Rangers on a mission to hunt down Chief Leschi of the Nisqually and end the bloodshed before it escalates. Through skirmishes, raids, close calls, and betrayal-William's assumptions, courage, and faith will all be challenged in a few breakneck weeks.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Bond's latest historical novel is a compelling and indispensable addition to a lesser-known chapter in American history. Bond's fresh and engaging portrayal of the tragic clash of cultures in the Puget Sound Indian Wars of 1855-56 not only confronts today's cultural and racial tensions but also provides hope for the future. Essential reading for every student of American history." --Larry Faulk, Former Washington State Senator"Readers won't even realize they are learning true history; wonderful for young adults, truly for any age. . . . Delightful book, difficult to put down."

--Patricia Ryan, Public Librarian

Douglas Bond is the author of a number of books of historical fiction and biography. He and his wife

have two daughters and four sons. Bond is an elder in the Presbyterian Church of America, a teacher, a conference speaker, and a leader of church history tours.

This history was quite new to me. A good story with spiritual background as well as historical truth as indicated by the time line at the end of the book. Enjoyed reading this book.

Heart-thumping at times, this book vividly describes the battle of Seattle and what led to it occurring. The sections where Bill Tidd is in the forest with the feeling of being hunted are eerie and well imagined, but it is the Indian Charlie Salitat who is the greatest hero here. He also injects much needed humour into the book with his playful ways and he is the one you honour at the end. This is worth reading just to learn about him. There are some unforgettable minor characters and scenes too - my favourites being the knitting nun, the horse Prophet, the horse race, the canoe ride and any scene with Charlie. Noclas too was a solid comfortable character. It must be said that I was about a third of the way in (the horse race) before I really started to like this. I found the casual racism displayed by more than one character bafflingly contradictory but probably realistic for the time. I also assumed that Americans reading this would probably know something of the events already and the historical figures mentioned were familiar to them. Not sharing this knowledge there were a lot of names for me to process at the start but it was well worth keeping on reading. This is written so that teenagers and even those younger can read it. There are violent and potentially frightening sections but they are not as gruesome as they could be. This is a clean story. The narrative did jump forward in time a couple of times which I found disconcerting. There is a faith element to this story and a Catholic and Protestant discussion of faith leads to a radical reassessment of received wisdom for one of the participants. Overall this book gives a strong sense of the time with exciting scenes and brave people doing courageous acts. Thank you to Netgalley for providing a copy of this book for my honest review.

In the book *The Battle of Seattle*, author Douglas Bond follows the actions of express rider William Tidd during the Battle of Seattle. William is a young man struggling with courage and the realities of war. He is also struggling with his thoughts of the Indians, since his best friend, Charlie Salitat is an Indian. But most of all William is struggling with God and if God is there and can be trusted! I would highly recommend this book for any reader. While the book is full of historical facts, it is like other Douglas Bond books, written in a fast paced novel style which keeps it very interesting. I received a copy of this e-book from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

This is a fine Christian historical adventure. It's geared toward young people, but I enjoyed it very much as well. Bond does a good job of inserting his character into historical events, and still leaving the events believable. I really liked the theological conflict of this story. It was very well done. This is a very nicely balanced book. The religious and action sides of the story are very nicely balanced. Neither intrudes obnoxiously on the other. They occur with very natural timing and in very natural discussions. I love how Bond set his characters to argue the value of human philosophy, specifically Emerson's, and the value of Biblical teachings. As situations arise each character must draw strength or comfort from their chosen philosophy. I really appreciated Sister Marguerite's character and conversion. It was very nicely handled. The only negatives I have about this book are the loose ends. I get the loose end about Charlie Salitat. I appreciate the historical accuracy in that. But why the loose end about His father? What did he do? Why so secretive about it? I made a rather wild guess, but why not just say it straight out? Did or didn't William finally trust Christ? I received a free ARC from NetGalley and P & R Publishing. No review was necessary, but it was my pleasure to write it.

This was a fascinating story about a time and place of which I knew little or nothing before reading it. The author has managed to bring Bill Tidd and his world to life. I did not appreciate all the blood and fighting, but that is what war is about and it was very realistic. I received a free copy of this book from NetGalley and chose to write a review.

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