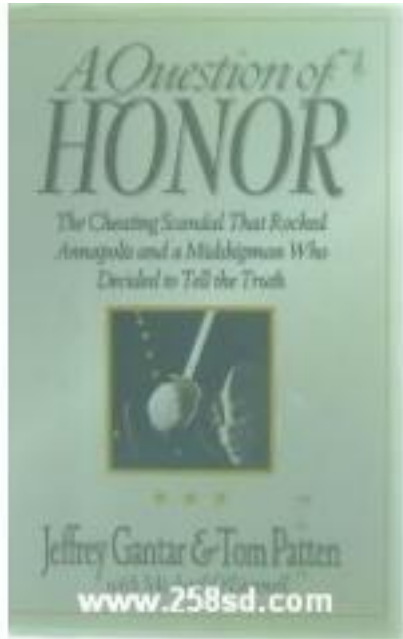


A Question of Honor: The Cheating Scandal That Rocked Annapolis and a Midshipman Who Decided to Tell the Truth



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Book Description In 1992, 133 cadets of the Annapolis Naval academy were accused of stealing a copy of an exam required for their graduation. Deciding the truth was more important than his career, Jeff Gantar came forward and admitted seeing the material, which he thought was an old test. He paid a dear price for being true to the Honor Code, to himself, and to his God. From the Publisher In December of 1992, 133 cadets of Annapolis were accused of cheating on an important engineering exam. Two years later, after an internal probe and an investigation demanded by

Congress, twenty-nine cadets were separated from the Academy, two weeks short of their graduation and commissioning. One of those cadets was Midshipman Jeffrey Gantar who chose to risk his hard-won career to tell the truth about a conspiracy and cover-up. A Question of Honor is an inside look at the Annapolis cheating scandal and Gantar's courageous decision to be true to the spirit of the Honor Code regardless of what it cost him. A Question of Honor offers a cadet's-eye view of the Academy what it's like to be part of a tradition that has trained some of the best and brightest officers this nation has ever produced. And it tells the story of how Tom Patten, an Academy counselor, helped Jeffrey Gantar grapple with the shadows of his past and come to terms with what his faith in God required. Gantar says, "There's a saying in the Brigade: That which doesn't kill me can only make me stronger.' I had discovered that I was capable of doing things others found impossible. I had found within myself the capacity for great moral courage." Gantar was one of the middies who previewed the test, believing it to be "gouge" (Academy lingo for study aids). Others who also saw the test stood by their fabricated stories of innocence and graduated with their commissions. But Gantar felt he could not be true to the Honor Code, to himself, and to his God, if he did not finally admit to seeing the test. Though he lost his planned naval career, Gantar did walk away with his conscience and the admiration of all who knew him. See all Editorial Reviews

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