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FROM NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANT TO CIVIL WAR HERO

OREGON, WI, November 10 -- *Heg*, a new novel about America's greatest Norwegian-American Civil War hero, was published recently by Badger Books Inc. as part of the Badger Heritage Series, to commemorate Wisconsin's sesquicentennial in 1998.

Heg's story is the embodiment of the immigrant experience in 19th Century Wisconsin. He was from modest Norwegian origins, came as a child to the frontier territory in the 1830s and embraced the spirit of the times. His selection to command the 15th Wisconsin in the Civil War was tribute to the spirit of the Norwegian and other European settlers and their aversion to slavery.

The novel also dramatizes the great debate within the Lutheran Church on slavery and Fortney paints a vivid portrait of Civil War battlefields and the brave new Americans who fought and sacrificed to save their adopted Union.

"Because this story excited so many complicated and contradictory emotions in me, it is a personal vision as well as a historical novel," said author Steve Fortney.

Fortney is a retired teacher of Norwegian descent who lives in Stoughton, Wisconsin.

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Fact Sheet

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AUTHOR: Steve Fortney

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SUMMARY: A biographical novel about Hans Christian Heg, America's greatest Norwegian-American Civil War hero.

DISTRIBUTION: General bookstores or directly from Badger Books Inc. P.O. Box 192, Oregon, WI 53575 for \$12.95 plus \$3 shipping.