

# LECTURE Series

Friday, December 4, 2026

7 pm, Eastern / 4 pm, Pacific

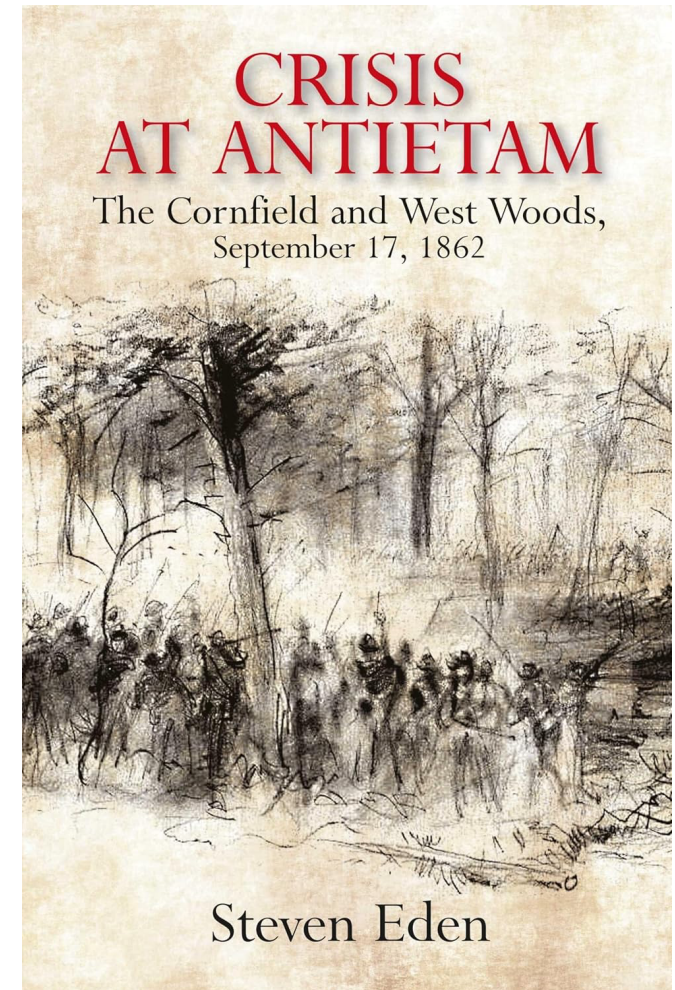
*with Steven Eden*

## CRISIS AT ANTIETAM

The Cornfield & West Woods - Sept. 17, 1862

*Crisis at Antietam: The Cornfield and West Woods, September 17, 1862*, provides a meticulous tactical analysis of the opening brutal hours of the Civil War's bloodiest single day. Set within the broader Maryland Campaign, this groundbreaking work plunges readers into the chaos of September 17, 1862. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee was in grave peril. With nearly half his forces exhausted and straggling, Lee confronted George McClellan's Army of the Potomac—a Union force poised for a decisive victory that famously slipped from its grasp.

This story uncovers critical missed opportunities, profound command failures, and the unpredictable hand of sheer chance. The fighting that raged through the Miller Cornfield and West Woods quickly spiraled beyond command control. Officers often failed to restore order amid the maelstrom; regiments and brigades acted independently, pushing forward without orders or full awareness of the battle's unfolding horror.



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