

LECTURE Series

Friday, July 9, 2027

7 pm Eastern / 4 pm Pacific

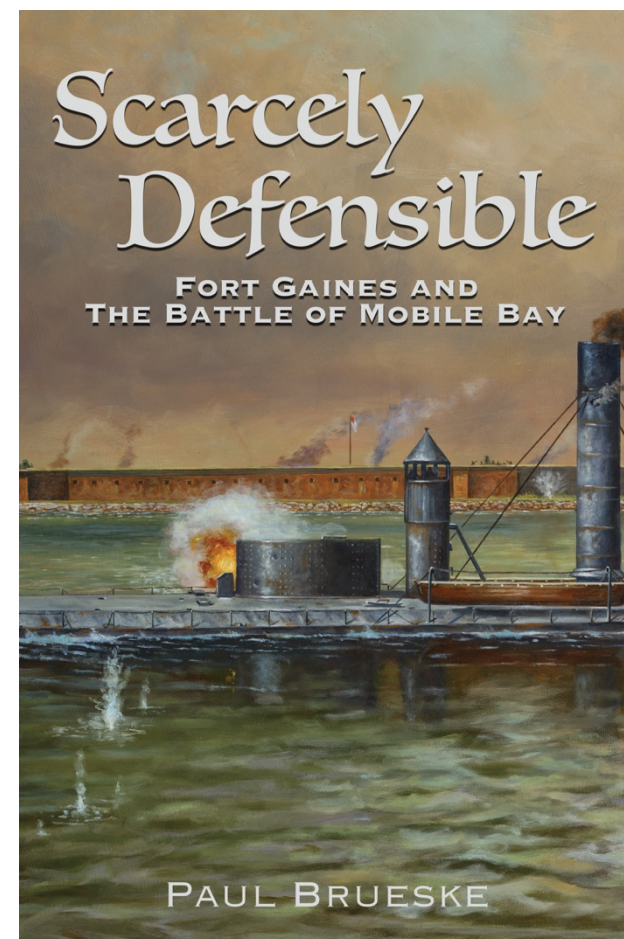


With PAUL BRUESKE

SCARCELY DEFENSIBLE:

Fort Gaines & the Battle of Mobile Bay

Scarcely Defensible is an important new study of a fortification that has heretofore received little attention from historians. Brueske is one of the leading authorities on Mobile in the Civil War. He explains how Fort Gaines came to exist, how its garrison functioned, and how it came to be surrendered in one of the most controversial actions that occurred shortly after Admiral Farragut's famous entry into Mobile Bay. Brueske argues convincingly that the forced entry of Mobile Bay on August 5, 1864, and the subsequent capture of Mobile were some of the most important actions of the entire war. If correct, then Fort Gaines, located strategically at the entrance to Mobile Bay, deserves substantial study and analysis. *Scarcely Defensible* will help you understand how fortifications and their designs affected the conduct and outcome of the Civil War.



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