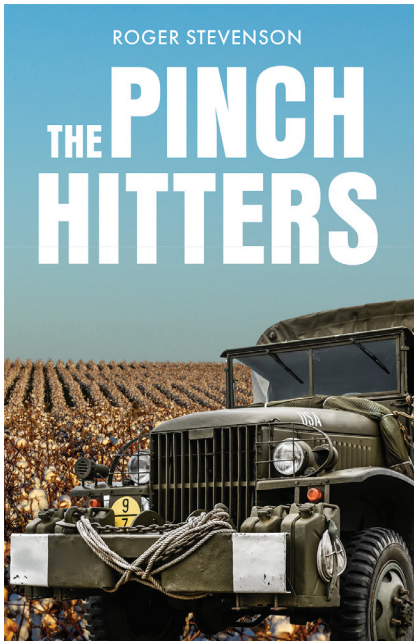


# THE PINCH HITTERS

ROGER STEVENSON



**WILL LIVINGSTON** and his best friend, Sugarbread, aren't about to let the paucities of war deprive them of the adventures of their adolescent years. *The Pinch Hitters* chronicles one South Carolina family facing the flight of young adults in their call to wartime duty after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. When the enlistment of four military-age siblings leaves the family farm in the hands of Granny Jack, the widowed owner, she soldiers on with the help of the resident sharecropping family, an elderly neighbor, and German prisoner-of-war farm laborers. With a child's pragmatism, Will navigates the challenges and joys that arise from the farm's productive season through fall harvest. Will's observations of those who "came to bat" for the young men who left the farm to fight in World War II is an education in integrity and courage, with a love of baseball at its metaphorical core.

### About the Author



**Roger Stevenson** spent the first decade of life on a cotton farm in South Carolina. There was a family expectation that he would go to college and medical school, as the mantel for this pursuit had passed to him from an uncle whose education had been sidelined by World War II.

His education and military obligation took him progressively farther north to Furman University (South Carolina), Wake Forest School of Medicine (North Carolina), Johns Hopkins Medical Center (Maryland), and the U.S. Air Force (Alaska). In 1974, he returned to his native state and founded the Greenwood Genetic Center and the Greenwood Children's Clinic. By this time, he had published his first medical book. Several editions of two other medical texts would follow. The Greenwood Genetic Center grew into an internationally recognized diagnostic and research institution.

Roger and wife Leslie have made Greenwood, SC, their home for the past fifty years. Their four daughters and their husbands have thrived in this small community, contributing expertise in architecture, education, horticulture, medicine, and law.

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