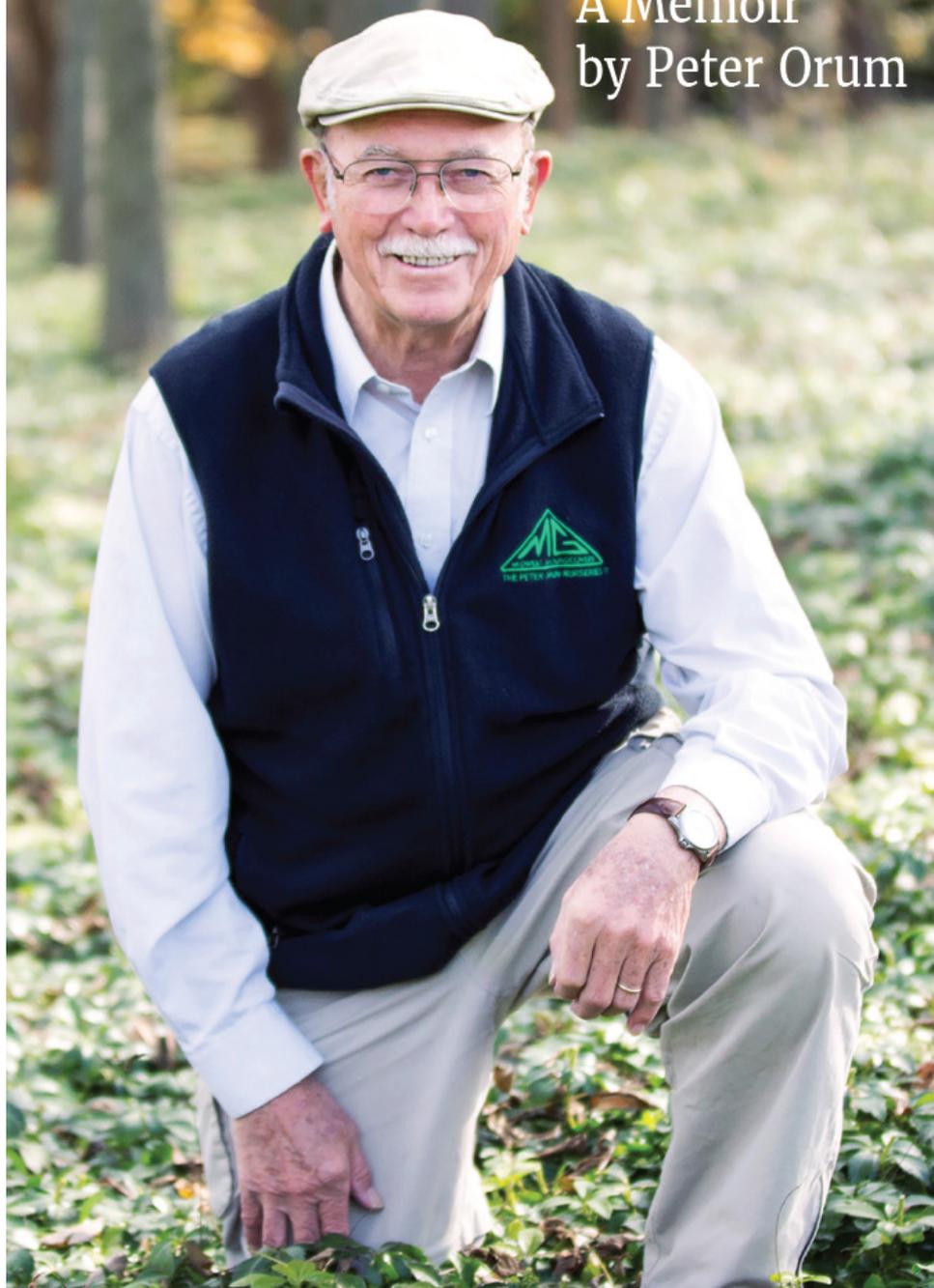


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Born in semi-rural Denmark during German occupation, Peter Orum early on experienced hard work and adventure, a solid education, and the nurturing of a small and close-knit family. Following apprenticeships and service in the Danish Army, he made his way across the Atlantic to work at a Midwestern nursery where, with the help of mentors, he began to plan for what would become one of the largest and most influential nursery operations in the region.

Along the way, his “outside” interests—ranging from leadership and support of local, national, and international associations and foundations, to his collection of vintage World War II vehicles, among many, many other interests—helped to shape the story of his life.

“It has been an interesting journey through life, and now for a second time through this book. The journey has brought me to unbelievable joy and heartbreaking sadness, and everything in between.

“I came from very little in the country Denmark that I loved, to a country, the USA, that gave me tremendous opportunity, and that I came to love for its freedom to speak and to do things. Neither is perfect, and neither are we.”

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It is the chronicle of a young Dane who grew up on a small family nursery, apprenticed at other nurseries, studied horticulture at a premier vocational school, served in the Danish Army, came to the U.S. to gain additional nursery experience—and stayed to establish one of the leading horticultural businesses in the U.S.

His roots on both continents grow deep and wide: He holds dual citizenship in the U.S. and Denmark, and maintains homes and thriving businesses in each country. His tireless work for national and international professional associations, as well as heritage and language societies, have served untold beneficiaries, and have enriched the story of his life.