



Bob Woodward

Legendary Pulitzer Prize-Winning investigative journalist, author and associate editor, The Washington Post

There is no bigger name in journalism than Bob Woodward. Author of 19 bestsellers, he provides a non-partisan behind-the-headlines look at what's really going on in Washington. Bob looks at the state of the American presidency, the impact of Donald Trump both domestically and globally, whether Washington has forgotten the lessons of Watergate and the role of the media.

Bob's biography

About Bob Woodward

Bob Woodward gained international attention when he and Carl Bernstein uncovered the Watergate scandal in 1973. Since then, Watergate's theme of secret government has driven Woodward's tough but fair and non-partisan reporting. He pulls back the curtain on the inner workings of Washington; revealing in meticulous detail what's really going on in the halls of power.

Have the lessons of Watergate been forgotten? Is the media doing its job? Woodward offers an historical perspective as only he can. Woodward has written about the last nine U.S. presidents and chronicled how the power of the presidency has evolved. He is [author](#) of 19 bestselling books –13 were #1 –more than any contemporary nonfiction writer.

His latest bestseller, *Fear: Trump in the White House*, is the deepest dive ever made into the first months of any American president. Currently associate editor for The Washington Post where he's worked since 1971, Bob Woodward has won nearly every American [journalism](#) award including two Pulitzers.

Former CIA director and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates wished he'd recruited Woodward into the CIA, "He has an extraordinary ability to get otherwise responsible adults to spill [their] guts to him...his ability to get people to talk about stuff they shouldn't be talking about is just extraordinary and may be unique." Therein lies the genius talent of Bob Woodward.

No one else in political investigative journalism has the clout, respect and reputation of Woodward. He has a way of getting insiders to open-up in ways that reveal an intimate yet sweeping portrayal of Washington and the political infighting, how we fight wars, the price of [politics](#), how presidents lead, the homeland security efforts and so much more.

His work is meticulous and draws on internal memos, classified documents, meeting notes and hundreds

of hours of recorded interviews with most of the key players, including the president. This is why *Fear: Trump in the White House* sold more than 1.1 million copies in its first week in September 2018 –breaking the 94-year first-week [sales](#) record of its publisher Simon & Schuster –and nearly 2 million copies in hardback, e-book and audio in the first four months.

As a speaker, Woodward pulls the curtain back on Washington and its leaders to captivate audiences with stories that are sometimes surprising, at times shocking and always fascinating. He blends stories that are both up to the minute and from the past (to provide historical context). Woodward speaks as he writes –crisp and concise –and helps people get behind the spin to understand what’s really going on in the halls of power in an age of 24-hour news, [social media](#) and snarky politics.

Professionally, Bob Woodward is currently associate editor for *The Washington Post* where he’s worked since 1971. He has won nearly every American journalism award and the *Post* won the 1973 Pulitzer Prize for his work with Carl Bernstein on the Watergate scandal. In addition, Woodward was the main reporter for the *Post*’s articles on the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks that won the National Affairs Pulitzer Prize in 2002.

Bob Schieffer of CBS News said “Woodward has established himself as the best reporter of our time. He may be the best reporter of all time.” Lloyd Green wrote in a review for *The Guardian* that *Fear* “depicts a White House awash in dysfunction, where the Lord of the Flies is the closest thing to an owner’s manual.” *The Weekly Standard* called Woodward “the best pure reporter of his generation, perhaps ever.”

In 2003, Al Hunt of *The Wall Street Journal* called Woodward “the most celebrated journalist of our age.” In listing the all-time 100 best non-fiction books, *Time* magazine has called *All the President’s Men*, by Bernstein and Woodward, “Perhaps the most influential piece of journalism in history.”

Bob Woodward has co-authored or authored 13 #1 national best-selling non-fiction books. They are:

- *All the President’s Men*(1974) and *The Final Days*(1976), both Watergate books, co-authored with Bernstein
- *The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court*(1979) co-authored with Scott Armstrong
- *Wired: The Short Life and Fast Times of John Belushi*(1984)
- *Veil: The Secret Wars of the CIA 1981-87*(1987)
- *The Commanders*(1991)
- *The Agenda: Inside the Clinton White House* (1994)
- *Shadow: Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate*(1999)
- *Bush at War* (2002)
- *Plan of Attack*(2004)
- *State of Denial: Bush at War Part III*(2006)
- *Obama’s Wars*(2010)
- *Fear: Trump in the White House*(2018)

Bob Woodward’s other national bestselling books:

- *The Secret Man: The Story of Watergate’s Deep Throat*(2005)
- *The Choice*(1996)
- *Maestro: Greenspan’s Fed and the American Boom*(2000)
- *The War Within: A Secret White House History 2006-2008* (2008)
- *The Price of [Politics](#)*(2012)
- *The Last of the President’s Men*(2015)

News week magazine has excerpted six of Woodward’s books in headline-making cover stories; “60 Minutes” has done pieces on seven of his books; three of his books have been made into feature films. In November 2017, the online learning portal Master Class released “Bob Woodward Teaches Investigative Journalism.” In it Woodward reveals the lessons he’s learned during his career, teaching students what truth means, how to uncover it and how to build a story with it.

Woodward was born March 26, 1943 in Illinois. He graduated from Yale University in 1965 and served

five years as a communications officer in the U.S. Navy before beginning his journalism career at the Montgomery County Sentinel (Maryland), where he was a reporter for one year before joining the Post.

Bob's talks

- **The State of the American Presidency**

Everywhere legendary journalist Bob Woodward goes, he says people ask to know what's really going on in Washington. Their questions fall into four categories:

1. The presidency: How is President Trump doing and surviving? How does Trump compare with the other eight presidents -Nixon to Obama -that Woodward has reported on for The Washington Post and in his bestselling books?
2. The investigation of special counsel Robert Mueller: Is it like Watergate or will it fade away like Reagan's Iran-Contra scandal?
3. Conflict: What is the likelihood of a new war? What are the goals with North Korea, in the Middle East, with the Islamic state, and on terrorism? Will there likely be a major escalation in one of the current conflicts?
4. The [economy](#): Is the American/global economy sound or are we headed for trouble? How is Trump's America First agenda playing out with our allies and enemies around the world?

In Woodward's speeches, the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning associate editor of the Post offers answers to these questions that audiences won't learn from any other source.

Since 1971, he has reported on nine presidencies and immersed himself in their decision-making, scandals, wars, and economic policy like no other reporter.

He leveraged a rich network of sources -applying his signature aggressive but fair reporting method for his book on President Trump, his administration, and its many controversies. As with his 19 bestselling books -13 of which have been #1 (including his most recent book, Fear: Trump in the White House)

Bob Woodward's talks go behind behind-the-scenes to reveal what's really going on and what it means.

- **The Lessons of Watergate**
- **Comparing nine Presidents - Nixon to Trump**
- **Inside Washington Politics**
- **How Politics has changed**
- **Journalism in the Internet Age**
- **How Investigative Journalism works**

