

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime

By Lou Cannon

Download Read Online

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon

Hailed by the New Yorker as "a superlative study of a president and his presidency," Lou Cannon's *President Reagan* remains the definitive account of our most significant presidency in the last fifty years. Ronald Wilson Reagan, the first actor to be elected president, turned in the performance of a lifetime. But that performance concealed the complexities of the man, baffling most who came in contact with him. Who was the man behind the makeup? Only Lou Cannon, who covered Reagan through his political career, can tell us. The keenest Reagan-watcher of them all, he has been the only author to reveal the nature of a man both shrewd and oblivious. Based on hundreds of interviews with the president, the First Lady, and hundreds of the administration's major figures, President Reagan takes us behind the scenes of the Oval Office. Cannon leads us through all of Reagan's roles, from the affable cowboy to the self-styled family man; from the politician who denounced big government to the president who created the largest peace-time deficit; from the statesman who reviled the Soviet government to the Great Communicator who helped end the cold war.

Download President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime ...pdf

Read Online President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime ...pdf

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime

By Lou Cannon

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon

Hailed by the New Yorker as "a superlative study of a president and his presidency," Lou Cannon's *President Reagan* remains the definitive account of our most significant presidency in the last fifty years. Ronald Wilson Reagan, the first actor to be elected president, turned in the performance of a lifetime. But that performance concealed the complexities of the man, baffling most who came in contact with him. Who was the man behind the makeup? Only Lou Cannon, who covered Reagan through his political career, can tell us. The keenest Reagan-watcher of them all, he has been the only author to reveal the nature of a man both shrewd and oblivious. Based on hundreds of interviews with the president, the First Lady, and hundreds of the administration's major figures, President Reagan takes us behind the scenes of the Oval Office. Cannon leads us through all of Reagan's roles, from the affable cowboy to the self-styled family man; from the politician who denounced big government to the president who created the largest peace-time deficit; from the statesman who reviled the Soviet government to the Great Communicator who helped end the cold war.

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #321501 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Perseus Books Group
- Published on: 2000-04
- Released on: 2000-04-04
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.25" h x 2.38" w x 6.13" l, 2.50 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 920 pages

Download President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime ...pdf

Read Online President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime ...pdf

Download and Read Free Online President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon

Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
This is possibly the single best book available on the Reagan presidency. Lou Cannon began reporting on Ronald Reagan as a journalist when Reagan first ran for governor of California in 1966, and then covered him again in Washington after his 1980 presidential election. In short, there is probably no man or woman who has spent more years writing about the Gipper than Cannon. The result is a magisterial account of Reagan's two terms in the White House. Cannon is broadly sympathetic to his subject, but also coolly detached. *President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime* pulled off the remarkable feat of winning praise from both Reagan's admirers and detractors when it was first published in 1991. This reissued edition, which includes a new preface describing Reagan's postpresidential descent into the abyss of Alzheimer's disease, must now be considered the standard text on the subject--especially in light of the controversy surrounding the book that aspired to Cannon's mantle, Edmund Morris's quasi biography *Dutch*.

Cannon's book is full of wise analysis and sound observation. He explains Reagan's success convincingly: "Optimism was not a trivial or peripheral quality. It was the essential ingredient of an approach to life.... [Reagan] had a knack of converting others to his optimism, almost as if he drew upon some private reservoir of self-esteem. People who listened to Reagan tended to feel good about him and better about themselves." Though the book bursts with detail, it's never so cumbersome that it bogs down Cannon's narrative. And these pages give only cursory attention to Reagan's life before the White House; this is more a biography of President Reagan than of Ronald Reagan. Conservatives who are defensive about Reagan's legacy may bristle at certain points; Cannon's portrait is not always a flattering one. Yet it's a compelling biography of a compelling man's most important years. It's possible to imagine that a fuller biography of Reagan will be written some day. Right now, however, this is the best there is--and it's very, very good. --*John J. Miller*

From Library Journal
No journalist enjoys a closer working relationship with Ronald Reagan, his friends, and advisors than Cannon, who has covered the Reagan beat for a quarter of a century. Combining scores of interviews, including three with Reagan, with authoritative journalism, Cannon has written what may be the best contemporary political history of the Reagan years. Unlike most modern presidents whose frame of reference is analytical and political, Cannon reveals how Reagan was shaped by his acting career. Far from being a Hollywood refugee, Reagan is credited with reviving national confidence and not being the demagogue that his opponents perceived him to be. While Reagan succeeded at establishing the national agenda, numerous ethical scandals, the savings and loan debacle, and the unraveling of foreign policy proved the presidency to be beyond Reagan's abilities. Transcending the many self-serving kick-and-tell potboilers, Cannon's absorbing, informative account will be the basis for all future studies. Highly recommended for most public and academic libraries.
- Karl Helicher, Upper Marion Township Lib., King of Prussia, Pa.
Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Review

***New York Times*, January 9, 2011**
“Authoritative… If Obama actually read Cannon, his comeback could have legs. It’s full of leadership lessons that will be particularly useful in outfoxing political adversaries who seem not to have consulted so much as a picture book about the president they claim as their patron saint.”

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Jonas Jones:

The book President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime gives you the sense of being enjoy for your spare time. You can utilize to make your capable much more increase. Book can to get your best friend when you getting stress or having big problem with the subject. If you can make looking at a book President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime being your habit, you can get far more advantages, like add your own personal capable, increase your knowledge about a number of or all subjects. You may know everything if you like open and read a reserve President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime. Kinds of book are a lot of. It means that, science e-book or encyclopedia or some others. So , how do you think about this publication?

Roxanne Mazon:

This book untitled President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime to be one of several books this best seller in this year, honestly, that is because when you read this book you can get a lot of benefit upon it. You will easily to buy this book in the book retailer or you can order it by means of online. The publisher in this book sells the e-book too. It makes you more readily to read this book, as you can read this book in your Smartphone. So there is no reason to you personally to past this guide from your list.

Carmen Bell:

People live in this new time of lifestyle always aim to and must have the free time or they will get lot of stress from both everyday life and work. So , when we ask do people have spare time, we will say absolutely sure. People is human not really a robot. Then we inquire again, what kind of activity are you experiencing when the spare time coming to an individual of course your answer will unlimited right. Then do you ever try this one, reading books. It can be your alternative throughout spending your spare time, the book you have read will be President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime.

Jeffrey Martinez:

That publication can make you to feel relax. That book President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime was bright colored and of course has pictures around. As we know that book President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime has many kinds or category. Start from kids until young adults. For example Naruto or Detective Conan you can read and think that you are the character on there. So , not at all of book usually are make you bored, any it offers you feel happy, fun and relax. Try to choose the best book for yourself and try to like reading in which.

Download and Read Online President Reagan: The Role Of A

Lifetime By Lou Cannon #KU347YGP9LA

Read President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon for online ebook

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon books to read online.

Online President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon ebook PDF download

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon Doc

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon Mobipocket

President Reagan: The Role Of A Lifetime By Lou Cannon EPub