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Allard Lowenstein

### LOWENSTEIN

Edited by Gregory Stone and  
Douglas Lowenstein  
Harcourt Brace. \$18.95; \$9.95 paper

In the three decades from 1950 to his assassination in March 1980, Allard Lowenstein's effect on progressive politics and human rights issues reached far beyond any office he held.

Lowenstein served only one term in Congress (1969-71) and served briefly as UN Ambassador for Special Political Affairs (1977-78), but his dynamic abilities as organizer, lawyer and campaigner made him a force in every major liberal movement of our time. His enormous energies first emerged when he was president of the National Student Association and protege of Eleanor Roosevelt. He soon plunged into Southern civil rights actions, then became an early opponent of the Vietnam War.

Lowenstein, a friend and adviser to the Kennedys and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was the victim of an assassin's bullet. His death at age 51 was mourned across the political spectrum. This readable assortment of writings by and about him gives a lively overview not only of Lowenstein's life, but also of a near-revolutionary era.

— Ann Morrisett Davidson