

**“Written from the inside, it tells more about Robert Kennedy, both as Senator and as candidate, than any book I know of.”**

—Adlai Stevenson III

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He wanted to teach in the university. Instead he carried on a legacy. The final years of Robert Kennedy constitute a stirring odyssey of personal drama, political uncertainty, and public achievement. Now two close associates, who participated in many of the private decisions Robert Kennedy made in those years, have written what will stand as the definitive account of his life in elective politics. Based on previously unavailable letters and papers, and on their own intimate involvement, William vanden Heuvel's and Milton Gwirtzman's book is filled with surprising revelations, including:

- Kennedy's private assessment of the prospects for Israel's survival
- The never-before-published report of conversations between Kennedy and de Gaulle on Vietnam
- Kennedy's battle with the State Department over U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic
- Kennedy's real opinion of Lyndon Johnson (and Johnson's real opinion of Kennedy)
- Kennedy's advice to Robert McNamara after Johnson fired McNamara in November, 1967

- Martin Luther King's opinion of RFK and of the Presidential election of 1968
- Kennedy's conversations with Mayor Richard Daley concerning the 1968 nomination
- Why Kennedy thought John Lindsay should be denied a second term as Mayor of New York City

“Aside from being the most complete and accurate account of Robert Kennedy's political career following his brother's death,” says Richard Goodwin, “this book should also serve as a useful counterbalance to those works of fiction about Robert Kennedy that have masqueraded as political history. It is fascinating reading for anyone interested in the public life of our times.”



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RFK 1964-68**  
by William vanden Heuvel  
and Milton Gwirtzman

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