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内容概要

Amazon.com Michael Deaver , a longtime political advisor who served as deputy chief of staff in the Reagan White House , offers an approving , affectionate , and well-written portrait of the former president--but one that , for an insider's account , is surprisingly short on news. The Ronald Reagan who emerges from Deaver's pages is far different from the popularly held view , fueled by the media , of the president as an amiable but limited man who napped , golfed , and left the business of running the government to his lieutenants. Far from it , Deaver insists: Reagan read widely , kept up with the issues , and "firmly believed that it was his job to set the priorities of his administrations and to make the big decisions." Thoughtful and utterly courteous , if sometimes distant , Deaver's Reagan is a man of unbending conservative principle; careful to cross party lines to secure support for his policy and to judge his opponents by character , not doctrine; stalwart in his devotion to country; and certain , in Deaver's words , "that he was the right guy at the right time." This Reagan can do no wrong , and when controversy arises in Deaver's account it is almost always because someone else has flubbed the play. Unlike Alexander Haig , David Stockman , and other former administration officials who have written about their time in the Reagan White House , Deaver is quick to fall on the sword whenever he must. He takes responsibility , for instance , for the president's controversial decision to lay a wreath at a German cemetery that contained the graves of fallen SS soldiers , and for Reagan's difficulties in convincing voters of the wisdom of an expensive military buildup in the closing years of the cold war. About the Iran-Contra affair , which blackened Reagan's second term , Deaver has little to say , and about his own departure from the administration and subsequent investigation by federal prosecutors he is even more close-mouthed. Those seeking to learn more about Ronald Reagan as president may come away from Deaver's book disappointed. His admirers , however , will enjoy the anecdotes about "the traits that made him so successful as a leader and so peculiar--and wonderful--as a person." --Gregory McNamee --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. From Library Journal Reagan's former aide looks back on better days. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information , Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. See all Editorial Reviews

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