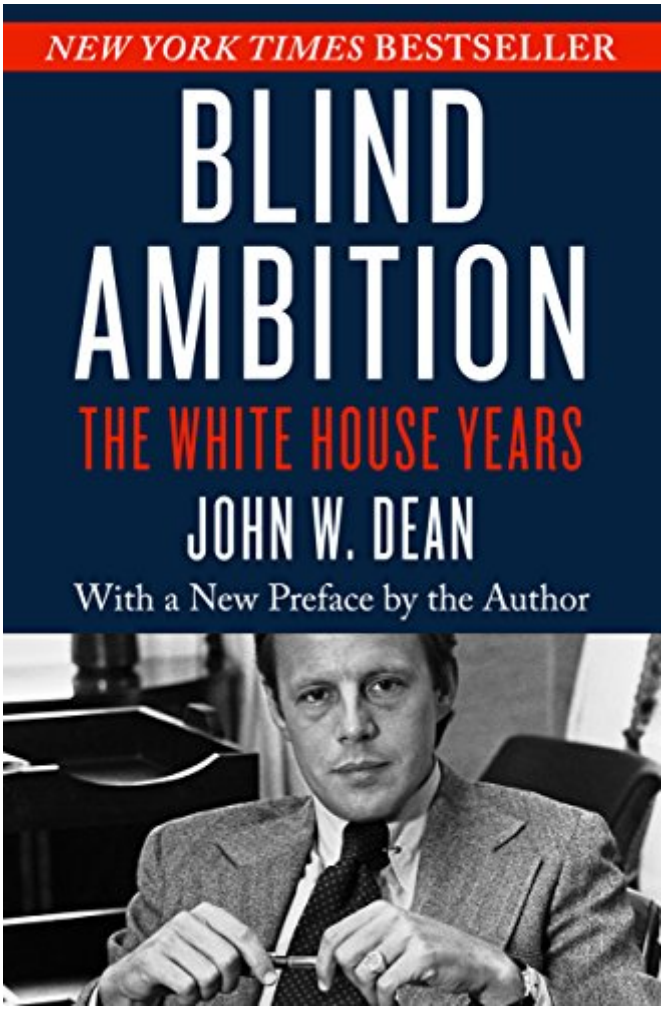
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Synopsis

A six-month New York Times bestseller: Ã¢â ¬Å“Not only the best Watergate book, but a very good book indeedÃ¢â ¬Â• (The Sunday Times). As White House counsel to Richard Nixon, a young John W. Dean was one of the primary players in the Watergate scandalÃ¢â ¬â •and ultimately became the governmentÃ¢â ¬â„¢s key witness in the investigations that ended the Nixon presidency. After the scandal subsided, Dean rebuilt his career, first in business and then as a bestselling author and lecturer. But while the events were still fresh in his mind, he wrote this remarkable memoir about the operations of the Nixon White House and the crisis that led to the presidentÃ¢â ¬â„¢s resignation. Ã Â Called Ã¢â ¬Å“fascinatingÃ¢â ¬Â• by Commentary, which noted that Ã¢â ¬Å“there can be little doubt of [Dean's] memory or his candor,Ã¢â ¬Â• Blind Ambition offers an insiderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s view of the deceptions and machinations that brought down an administration and changed the American peopleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s view of politics and power. It also contains DeanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s own unsparing reflections on the personal demons that drove him to participate in the sordid affair. Upon its original publication, Kirkus Reviews hailed it Ã¢â ¬Å“the flip side of All the PresidentÃ¢â ¬â„¢s MenÃ¢â ¬â •a document, a minefield, and prime entertainment.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã Â Today, Dean is a respected and outspoken advocate for transparency and ethics in government, and the bestselling author of such books as The Nixon Defense, Worse Than Watergate, and Conservatives Without Conscience. Here, in Blind Ambition, he Ã¢â ¬Å“paints a candid picture of the sickening moral bankruptcy which permeated the White House and to which he contributed. His memory of who said what and to whom is astoundingÃ¢â ¬Â• (Foreign Affairs). Ã Â

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Customer Reviews

helped me to catch up with the history I missed during the 1970's . It is really frightening how quickly the government can run amuck with lies and coverups. It has made me look to political events in Washington with a skeptical eye.

A historical sad event that I witnessed, and now to hear the different thought that went through one of the key member of that staff, is at best a challenge to any previous perception. There is a side to all stories, this one has many faces.

Although these events took place in the 1970s this novel shows how power seduces people sometimes slowly and almost unconsciously and other times quite deliberately. The President of the United States holds immense power and this book shows how those surrounding the President will protect that power at any cost.

A great book. Mr. Dean writes with conviction and the truth. He as not going nor did he accept the blame for Watergate. This book is truly a great book about American History!

The inside account, truly riveting. Raises some never answered questions about what motivated the break-in, who paid and who didn't.

I had read this book when it first came out and thought it was good then, in the process of moving many times had to let go of books and this was one of them glad to be able to get it again. I think it should be read of everyone that is not familiar with Watergate and the many players involved.

Very interesting read about the actual events that really happened about Watergate including inside

not just inside the White House but inside the Oval Office. Unique perspective that only John Dean can offer.

A first-rate account by a man who was at the center of the storm called Watergate and who acknowledges his participation in it. This is a fascinating glimpse of a corrupted world leader holding great power.

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