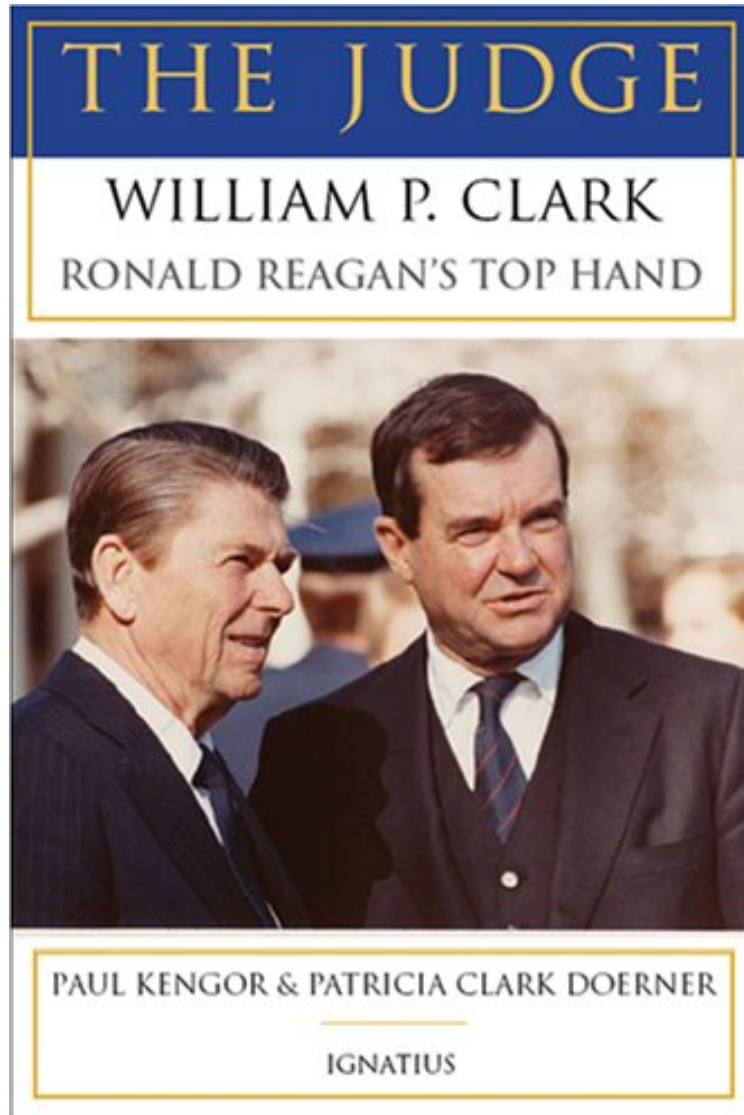


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The most important biographical record of the Reagan years--from the Reagan governorship to the 40th President's period in the White House--had not been written, until now: it is the story of Ronald Reagan's indispensable man, confidant, and single most important advisor: William P. Clark, known to many as simply The Judge. With his record, resum, and the respect he earned from so many quarters, why did Bill Clark never pen an autobiography? Why did he never write memoirs, even while less influential advisors advanced their stories in the 1980s, proclaiming theirs to be the authoritative "insider's account" of the Reagan presidency? Why did Clark not write that story as everyone--from top Reagan officials such as Cap Weinberger to authoritative Reagan biographers such as Lou Cannon--urged him to do? Bill Clark's reluctance to promote himself stopped him from picking up pen and paper. Instead, at long last, he acquiesced to the writing of this biography. Paul Kengor did the convincing, and Pat Clark Doerner worked with Clark painstakingly to review the manuscript. Kengor and Doerner together wrote this fascinating account of one man's life, from a ranch house to the White House and then, again, back to the ranch--to what Ronald Reagan called the "sunset of life". Reagan biographers such as Edmund Morris and major publications like the New York Times Magazine and Time all agree: Bill Clark was Ronald Reagan's single most trusted aide, perhaps the most powerful national security advisor in American history. His close relationship with Reagan allows special insight into the President as well as other close friends from the earliest Reagan years: Lyn Nofziger, Cap Weinberger and Bill Casey. Also featured are the exquisite Clare Boothe Luce; the elegant Nancy Reagan; the mercurial Alexander Haig; Britain's "Iron Lady", Margaret Thatcher; France's wily Franois Mitterrand, the saintly Pope John Paul II, and an anxious Saddam Hussein, among others. With Reagan, Clark accomplished many things, but none more profound than the track they laid to undermine Soviet communism, to win the Cold War. As this book shows, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clark, two ranchers, a President and his top hand, truly changed history. At long last, over two decades after that significant accomplishment, Bill Clark shares the details of that extraordinary effort, many of which--as readers of this book will learn--have never before been reported.

From Publishers Weekly William P. Clark served as National Security Advisor and Secretary of the Interior during Ronald Reagan's two terms as President, sharing an uncanny bond with the Gipper as well as his peculiar gift for succeeding at high office with few formal credentials and little prior experience. This uncritical look at Clark posits that his apparent simplicity, like Reagan's, belied a deep sagacity that proves how common sense and sound judgment trumps narrow intellectualism and left-wing sophistry. Author Kengor (God and Hillary Clinton) and historian Doerner make no secret of their admiration, crediting Clark for his unswerving loyalty to Reagan's vision of communism while other of his advisors fought against the hard-line approach to the Soviets, calling economic sanctions and the "Star Wars" Strategic Defense Initiative ill-advised, and the Cold War unwinnable. These little-seen inter-administration struggles make up this volume's most informative and intriguing parts; otherwise, this career biography offers readers a sympathetic, largely anecdotal record of the Reagan White House. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Readers of this book will see that Bill Clark not only served Ronald Reagan as counsel, close advisor, and friend, but at times as a form of conscience. This is not only a great book about Bill Clark but a great book about my dad. No one who worked for Ronald Reagan knew him like Bill Clark, and that fact comes through in this book. I learned more about my dad in this biography than probably any other. The Judge is not only informative and eye-opening but a riveting read. I couldn't put it down --Michael Reagan, President Ronald Reagan's son It's now more than time that Bill Clark get full recognition for all that he did with and for Ronald Reagan. He was one of the most influential people in Washington.... He was enormously important in the achievement of the President's goals and his success -- including during the governor years -- but that's generally not known today. --Casper "Cap" Weinberger, Former Secretary of Defense With the coming of The Judge we now have the definitive Reagan-era biography ... Judge Clark was Ronald Reagan's only real friend and soul-mate. These two men operated on the same wavelength for thirty years.... Best of all, the insights into key movements of Reagan history is unique. No one else had the access. This is the definitive history. Do not miss it; its a great read. -- T. C. Reed, Former Air Force Secretary and author, At the Abyss: An Insider's History of the Cold War About the Author Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science at Grove City College and executive director of the college's Center for Vision Values. Kengor is an internationally recognized authority on Ronald Reagan. Kengor is nationally known for his work on the American presidency. He is part of a select group of presidential scholars to participate in C-SPAN's highly regarded ranking of American presidents. A native of Western PA, Kengor lives in Grove City, PA,

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