

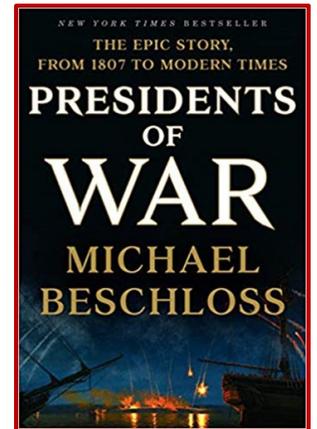


MICHAEL BESCHLOSS

Presidential Historian,
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#1 Best-Selling Author

The *New York Times* has called Michael Beschloss “easily the most widely recognized Presidential historian in the United States. The *Charlotte Observer* has said, “Michael knows more about America’s Presidents than perhaps anyone on earth.” He provides gripping tales and brilliant inside analysis, revealing the leadership secrets of great presidents and other towering figures in history.

At the North Carolina Museum of History Foundation’s 2019 Distinguished Lecture Series, Michael’s remarks will draw upon his latest work, *Presidents of War*. Ten years in the research and writing, the book tells the epic story of all the American Presidents who have waged our major wars. The historian Jon Meacham says that *Presidents of War* is “monumental” and “a landmark book about power, leadership and human nature itself. “ After reading a copy of *Presidents of War*, actor Tom Hanks says, “Once again Beschloss captures our Presidents in terms both historic and human, showing that whoever holds the office will fearlessly - or fearfully - impact our world.



Michael was born in Chicago in 1955. He has won an Emmy and been awarded six honorary degrees. He also has the largest Twitter following of any American historian—with more than 315,000 followers at last count. Michael’s Twitter account, which is called “@BeschlossDC,” appears on *Time* Magazine’s list of the world’s top Twitter feeds.

He is an alumnus of Andover and Williams College and the Harvard Business School, where he studied leadership in both the private and public sectors. Michael has served as an historian at the Smithsonian, a resident scholar at Oxford University and a senior fellow of the Annenberg Foundation. His previous book, *Presidential Courage*, was a three-month *New York Times* best seller. President George W. Bush quoted from Michael’s book in his own 2010 memoir *Decision Points*. Bush wrote, “I told Laura, if they’re still assessing George Washington’s legacy more than two centuries after he left office, this George W. doesn’t have to worry about today’s headlines.”

Michael has been an award-winning historian and a *New York Times* contributing columnist. He is the NBC News Presidential Historian and a contributor to the PBS NewsHour. In addition, he is the author of nine best-selling books, including *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy* (co-authored with Caroline Kennedy) and two volumes on President Lyndon Johnson’s secret White House tapes.

He is a trustee of the White House Historical Association and the National Archives Foundation and he also sits on the board of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. He has been a trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, the Urban Institute, the University of Virginia’s Miller Center of Public Affairs, and the PEN/Faulkner Foundation. He also sits on the advisory board to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and was a member of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and their two sons.