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Michael Beschloss is an award-winning historian, scholar of leadership and bestselling author of ten books -- most recently the acclaimed *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller *Presidents of War*. The *New York Times Book Review* calls *Presidents of War* "a superb and important book, superbly rendered." The *Financial Times* says that the book "looks at leadership from every angle" and calls it "epic" and "magisterial." The historian Ron Chernow calls the book "monumental and profoundly important." Tom Hanks says, "Once again, Beschloss captures our Presidents in terms both historic and human." Beschloss is also the host of his own TV series, "Fireside History with Michael Beschloss."

The *Charlotte Observer* says, "Michael Beschloss knows more about America's Presidents than perhaps anyone on earth." Beschloss appears regularly on television as the NBC News Presidential Historian and contributor to the *PBS NewsHour*. He has also been a contributing columnist to the *New York Times*. He has won an Emmy for his television work and received six honorary degrees and numerous other awards. He has the largest Twitter following of any American historian, in the neighborhood of 400,000. His Twitter account appears on *Time Magazine's* list of the world's top Twitter feeds.

Born in Chicago, Beschloss is an alumnus of Phillips Academy (Andover) and Williams College, where he studied under James MacGregor Burns, author of what remains the classic book on leadership. At the Harvard Business School, Beschloss studied leadership in both the private and public sectors. He has served as an historian at the Smithsonian, a scholar at the University of Oxford, and a senior fellow of the Annenberg Foundation. Among his earlier books are two volumes on Lyndon Johnson's secret tapes, *The Conquerors*, about Franklin Roosevelt, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, and *Presidential Courage*. He was also co-author (with Caroline Kennedy) of the number-one global bestseller *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations about Life with John F. Kennedy*.