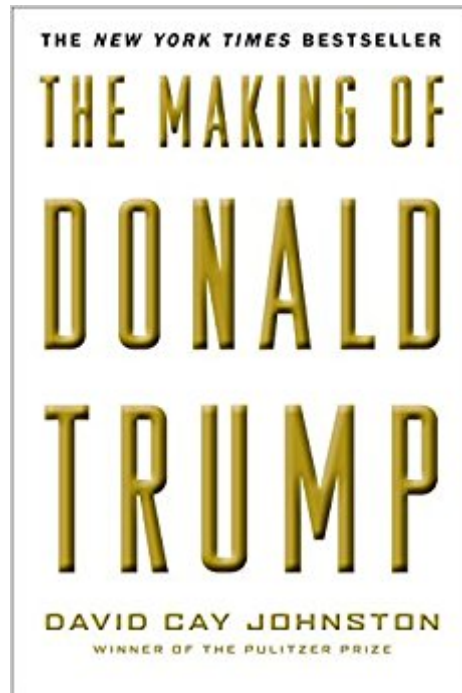




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# The Making Of Donald Trump



## Synopsis

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER that first revealed the Russia connectionThe culmination of nearly 30 years of reporting on Donald Trump, this in-depth report by Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter David Cay Johnston takes a revealingly close look at the mogul's rise to prominence --- and, now, ultimate power. Covering the long arc of Trump's career, Johnston tells the full story of how a boy from a quiet section of Queens, NY would become an entirely new, and complex, breed of public figure. Trump is a man of great media savvy, entrepreneurial spirit, and political clout. Yet his career has been plagued by legal troubles and mounting controversy. From the origins of his family's fortune, to his own too-big-to-fail business empire; from his education and early career, to his whirlwind and ultimately successful presidential bid, *The Making of Donald Trump* provides the fullest picture yet of Trump's extraordinary ascendancy. Love him or hate him, Trump's massive influence is undeniable, and figures as diverse as Woody Guthrie (who wrote a scathing song about Trump's father) and Red Scare prosecutor Roy Cohn, mob bosses and high rollers, as well as the average American voter, have all been pulled into his orbit. Drawing on decades of interviews, financial records, court documents, and public statements, David Cay Johnston, who has covered Trump longer and more closely than any other journalist working today, gives us the most in-depth look yet at the man who has shocked the world.

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•"Financial Times

•A devastating attack on the Republican presidential nominee....[Johnston] carefully disentangles the knot of lies that has so far characterised Trump's presidential campaign.

•"The Independent

•If you follow the news at all, you'll know that a number of allegations have recently been raised against GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump. It's due in good measure to veteran investigative reporter Johnston that these charges have seen the light of day. Here, without undue breathlessness and certainly without any coyness, he elaborates on those newsworthy sound bites connecting dots and establishing patterns.

•"Kirkus Reviews

•Johnston maintains a crisply matter-of-fact approach throughout this scrupulously detailed and documented chronicle.

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DAVID CAY JOHNSTON is an investigative journalist and winner of a 2001 Pulitzer Prize for journalism. A long-time reporter for the New York Times and the former president of the

Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE), he is also the author of several New York Times bestsellers, including Perfectly Legal and Free Lunch. He has won the IRE Medal and a George Polk Award for his investigative reporting, and is a columnist for The Daily Beast, National Memo and USA TODAY. Johnston teaches at Syracuse University College of Law and lives in Rochester, New York.

If you think Trump is "all bark and no bite" then PLEASE read this. Deeply unsettling, the facts and history laid out by David Cay Johnston evince the long history of a shady, greedy, and relentlessly sociopathic media mogul and his rise to power. From half-baked schemes, to false identities this book reads like a group of coiffed mob bosses sitting around a tacky gilded table trying to one-up each other with their stories. Except they're all Trump and they're all his stories and they're all true. This book will leave your jaw dropped as you have to repeatedly remind yourself THIS IS REAL.

This is the one I was waiting for! There's no flashing lights here, no cartoon versions of real people, no wallowing in moral outrage. Instead, it's got all the facts you need to explain to your pro-Trump friends (or that weird uncle at Thanksgiving- lol!) EXACTLY what's in Trump's record: and that's what makes him so dangerous. Full of good detail, with sources noted.

This is a relentlessly factual journey into the heart of darkness. The author knows his subject better than Trump himself. Trump has built a wall between himself and truth and decency. A must read for anyone trying to get a handle on this election

This is the third Trump biography which I have read. Although all three illustrate Trump's lack of honesty and character, this one is the most complete and detailed. It reveals Trump's connections to Mob members and other unsavory characters that are very disturbing.

If you're looking for a concise, compelling biography of Donald Trump, look no further. Rather than indulging in endless partisan rhetoric, Johnston just gives us the facts and they're spellbinding, and damning. This is the book for anyone even remotely curious as to who the Republican Party has nominated, and how he managed to get there.

This book is really exactly what I needed—a detailed investigation into Trump's past, his

business ventures, his relationships to other people, etc. Johnston writes a shocking and gripping account, without devolving into tabloid writing. It's smart, scrupulously researched, and truly a must-read for this election season.

Trump - First US President who would owe Putin money? Without the release of his Tax Returns, this is a very real possibility. Johnston's book does an excellent job of laying out all the reasons Trump would never get a security clearance (yes, I realize the Presidency doesn't involve security clearances) at any level: mobs ties, being found guilty of discrimination against blacks trying to rent at Trump properties, stiffing and ruining numerous contractors and Polish workers hired for Trump construction sites, FRAUD stemming from Trump U, SIX bankruptcies which plunged those lenders into ruin and all those "thousands of workers" he hired were left jobless and did they get paid? NO. Trump has an insatiable appetite for borrowing money (if he really were a billionaire folks, he would not be borrowing all the time) but no one in THIS country will lend to him anymore - they have heard and seen enough to know better. So who does he get money from now? Is it Putin? Maybe...probably. Releasing his Tax Returns would tell us the answer. It is my guess that, yes he owes Putin money and Trump has not paid any taxes in a long time. Read this book and educate yourself on all the things Trump has gotten away with that make him completely unfit to hold any government position.

A thorough "just the facts" account of Trump's rise. With all the noise surrounding him right now, I found it really helpful in understanding who he is, and where he came from. Very easy to read style. Highly recommended to anyone curious to know more about the Presidential hopeful.

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