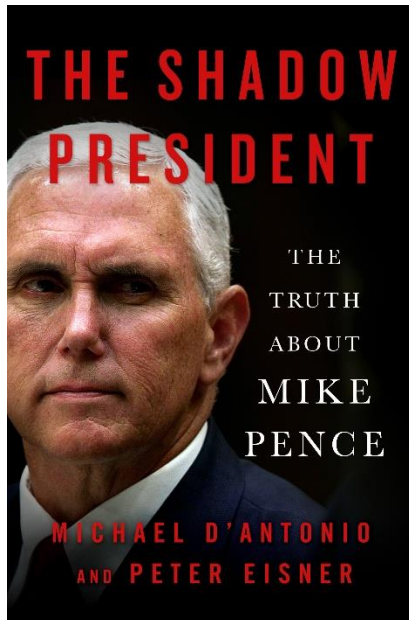




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## THE SHADOW PRESIDENT: THE TRUTH ABOUT MIKE PENCE

Investigative Biography by Veteran Journalists,  
Michael D'Antonio and Peter Eisner,

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NEW YORK, NY – Friday, June 15, 2018 – It was announced today that a new investigative biography of Mike Pence, entitled **THE SHADOW PRESIDENT: The Truth About Mike Pence**, by Michael D'Antonio and Peter Eisner will be published by the Thomas Dunne Books imprint of St. Martin's Press on August 28, 2018. World publishing rights were acquired by Thomas Dunne, with Stephen S. Power editing, from the authors. The book will be available in hardcover, ebook, and audio formats.

Little-known outside his home state until Donald Trump made him his running mate, Mike Pence – who proclaims himself a Christian first, a conservative second, and a Republican third – has long worn a carefully-constructed mask of Midwestern nice. Behind his self-proclaimed humility and self-abasing deference, however, hides a man whose own presidential ambitions have blazed since high school. Pence's drive for power, perhaps inspired by his belief that God might have big plans for him, explains why he shocked his allies by lending Christian credibility to a scandal-plagued candidate like Trump.

In this landmark biography, Pulitzer Prize-winner Michael D'Antonio and Emmy-nominated journalist Peter Eisner follow the path Pence followed from Catholic Democrat to conservative evangelical Republican. They reveal how he used his time as rightwing radio star to build connections with powerful donors; how he was a lackluster lawmaker in Congress but a prodigious fundraiser from the GOP's billionaire benefactors; and how, once he locked in his views on the issues – anti-gay, pro-gun, anti-abortion, pro big-business – he became laser-focused on his own pursuit of power.

As **THE SHADOW PRESIDENT** reveals, Mike Pence is the most important and powerful Christian Right politician America has ever seen. Driven as much by theology as personal ambition, Pence is now positioned to seize the big prize – the presidency – and use it to fashion a nation more pleasing to his god and corporate sponsors.

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**Michael D'Antonio** is the author of numerous books, including the acclaimed, **The Truth About Trump**, which *The New York Times Book Review* praised as an, “admirably straight-forward, evenhanded but nonetheless damning account of Trump's life.” He is a writer and on-air CNN contributor who specializes in national politics and currently writes for CNN.com, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. His

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