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## Lou Cannon

Lou Cannon is the foremost biographer of Ronald Reagan. He has written five books about Reagan, including the acclaimed *President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime*. Among Cannon's other noteworthy books is *Official Negligence: How Rodney King and the Riots Changed Los Angeles and the LAPD*, published in 1998.

Cannon worked 26 years for *The Washington Post*, where he won many awards and was considered a "reporter's reporter" by his colleagues. Subsequently, he was a contributing editor, then chief executive officer of *California Journal*, an acclaimed non-partisan magazine.

In 2001, *Public Affairs* published *Ronald Reagan: The Presidential Portfolio*, an illustrated history from the collection of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. Cannon's earlier Reagan books include *Reagan* (1982) and *Ronnie & Jesse: A Political Odyssey* (1969) a dual biography of Reagan and the late Jesse Unruh. His books on other subjects include *The McCloskey Challenge* (1972) and *Reporting: An Inside View* (1977).

Born in New York City and raised in Reno, Nevada, Cannon attended the University of Nevada and San Francisco State College. After service in the U.S. Army he became a reporter for various California newspapers and covered Reagan's first term as governor of California for the *San Jose Mercury-News*. He moved to Washington as a national correspondent for *Ridder Publications*. Beginning in 1972 he worked for *The Washington Post*, as political reporter, White House correspondent, columnist, and Los Angeles bureau chief. During the Reagan presidency, Cannon was the senior White House correspondent for *The Washington Post* and wrote a weekly syndicated column.

In 1995, Cannon was a Raznick Distinguished Lecturer in the history department of the University of California at Santa Barbara. In 1996, he was a Freedom Forum journalist in residence at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Southern California.

Lou Cannon has four children and six grandchildren. He and his wife, Mary, live in Summerland, near Santa Barbara, California.



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## Carl Cannon

Carl M. Cannon is the Washington bureau chief for *Reader's Digest* and a contributing editor for *National Journal*, Washington's authoritative, non-partisan weekly journal on politics and government. Before joining *The Digest* in December of 2007, Mr. Cannon covered the

White House for 15 years, first for *The Baltimore Sun* and then for *National Journal*. Before that, he worked for six newspapers over a 20-year span. Prior to coming to Washington in the first Reagan term, he covered police, courts, local and statewide politics, education, and race relations at newspapers in Virginia, Georgia and California.

He has covered every presidential campaign and political convention since 1984, and was hired in 1993 by *The Sun* to cover Bill Clinton's White House. He remained on the beat after moving to *National Journal* in 1998. In 1999, he was honored by winning the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting of the Presidency for his White House coverage. Mr. Cannon served two terms on the board of the White House Correspondents Association in which he revamped the organization's scholarship program, capping that service in 2004 as president of the association. In 2006, he won the Aldo Beckman Award for excellence in presidential reporting.

Carl has participated in presidency conferences at Princeton and the University of London, and has lectured on journalism and politics at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. He was a Media Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. He spent the spring 2007 semester as a fellow-in-residence at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Cannon has been a regular contributor to National Public Radio and wrote the presidency column for *George* magazine. He is a co-author of *Boy Genius*, a biography of White House aide Karl Rove. He wrote *The Pursuit of Happiness in Times of War*, a 2003 book exploring how presidents and other American leaders have employed the language of the *Declaration of Independence* in times of national crisis.