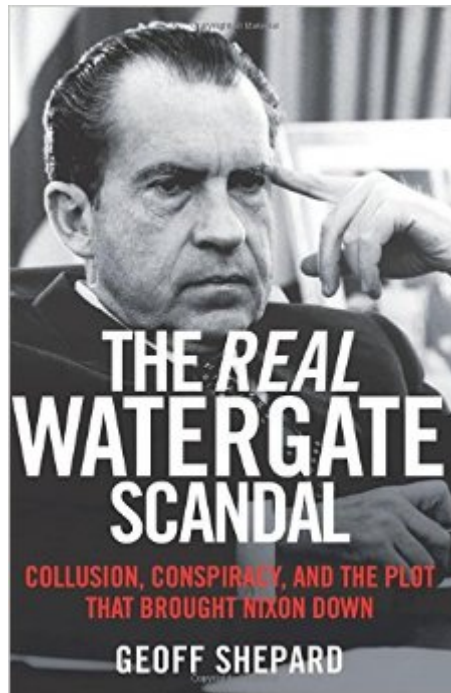


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The Real Watergate Scandal: Collusion, Conspiracy, And The Plot That Brought Nixon Down



Synopsis

An aging judge about to step down. Aggressive prosecutors friendly with the judge. A disgraced president. A nation that had already made up its mind. The Watergate trials were a legal mess—and now, with the discovery of new documents that reveal shocking misconduct by prosecutors and judges alike, former Nixon staffer Geoff Shepard has a convincing case that the wrongdoing of these history-making trials was actually a bigger scandal than the Watergate scandal itself.

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How wonderfully refreshing to read an account of Watergate that does not yet again re-crucify Mr. Nixon, but demands, with verifiable authority, that the whole subject be revisited under a different, more balanced spotlight. Mr. Shepard was "in the room" every bit as much as John Dean and others, yet emerges with a different viewpoint entirely. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Shepard, for the research and effort you gave this topic, and for the complete fairness you afforded our past president. And thank you for putting your perspective down in ink before all the principals of Watergate have faded into silence. I have a strong sense that RN is giving his victory sign just about now.

Watergate takes on a new meaning with Shepard's book. 'Watergate' now can be seen as part of a initiative to reverse an election by improper, highly questionable and unacceptable conduct, driven

by a few very talented exceptionally trained people to reverse a popular election. It worked but should not have and would not have if what this author now reveals had been public at the time. Shepard opens the door for future study of how our judicial system works, but does not. A 'must read' by all interested in political history who seek a better understanding of how criminal prosecution and investigation was misused to the detriment of the American People.

Mr. Shepard has uncovered some truly interesting (and disturbing) new information about the unethical ways in which the prosecutors and judges conducted themselves behind the scenes of the central Watergate trials. I think he takes things a bit far when he, essentially, deems these of a sufficient gravity to extend a blanket exculpation to President Nixon and the highest-ranking subordinates (Mitchell, Haldeman, and Ehrlichman) but we all fall prey to our enthusiasms, don't we? A must read for serious students of the scandal.

This is an extremely well written and well documented review of the Watergate prosecutions. It provides new insights and analysis. Geoff Shepard is a gifted writer and a skilled lawyer who demonstrates convincingly that none of the Watergate defendants got due process because of a biased and out of control trial judge and hyper-partisan and overzealous special prosecutors. He proves his case beyond doubt that there was improper communication, collaboration, and collusion between Judge Sirica and the Watergate Special Prosecutors. Sadly, even the appellate court discredited itself. Whatever you think you know about Watergate, you will find new information and insights in this must read book. Ed Hayes

Having lived through the Watergate era and always having disagreed with the conclusions about Nixon's involvement, I decided to read several books on both sides of the issues. This book raised a number of concerns about the fairness, motives and conclusions of the investigations. I am more convinced that Nixon and some of his aides were innocent. I also wanted to compare how Nixon was treated for his "supposed" activities compared to our current President, Barack Obama. President Obama has received a "pass" for many worse activities over the past seven years. Understanding the true history of all ages and times is important to understanding current and past events. Unfairly vilifying Nixon is just another example.

A big smile broke out on my face when I received this book so quickly and in such good condition. I watched the BookTV program by the author and was convinced of the in depth research and the

undercurrents of deceit by political opponents that affected President Nixon. It is a book I need in my library, along with others that are truthful history, and not common understanding that is always so erroneous.

I just read *The Real Watergate Scandal* by Geoff Shepard. A White House staff member for President Nixon, the author tells a story about Watergate rarely heard in the media or in books written about Watergate. That is one good reason to read this book. Another good reason is his ability to pick apart the familiar arguments against Nixon. You will read of the "smoking gun" taped conversation between the President and top aide H.R. "Bob" Haldeman. I had always thought that Nixon agreed with Haldeman to get the CIA to interfere with an FBI investigation of the Watergate hotel break-in. The author provides factual support for belief that Nixon simply wanted to protect the identities of Democratic contributors to his campaign. And the storied "18 1/2 minute" gap on another tape? There may not have been anything of interest on it (although I am still curious as to why it was intentionally erased). If you still think John Dean is a "good guy" in this matter, give this book a read.

This is an amazing very well researched, authentic study of how America was duped, ie, had a President stolen from them from their own Government..Some thought for a while the Robert Kennedy DOJ, was clever in hiring 150 lawyers, with out a budget, with out oversight, and allowed a sitting judge to collude with prosecutors, for two years, to " get Nixon, at all costs "Well in the end Robert Kennedy did not win either did he? Robert L haunschild

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