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Mary's Family parents

Invite you to join them to benefit *Mary's Family*, an advocacy group that helps families who have children with special needs, medical challenges, and disabilities



"History vs. Drama in Frost vs. Nixon: A Participant's Tale"



7:00 pm Slide Show and Talk
(\$35.00 per person)

6:00 pm Cocktails with Mr. Reston
(Sponsor event \$200.00)

Mr. Reston will be available to sign
copies of the book.
(\$25 per book)

Only books purchased at the event will
be autographed.



"... a riveting memoir"

• *Los Angeles Times*

Mary's Family is a non-profit 501(c)(3)
advocacy and respite group founded in 2002.

Mr. Reston's daughter Hillary participates
in *Mary's Family*.

*Please visit www.marysfamily.org for more
information about this unique and
successful organization.*

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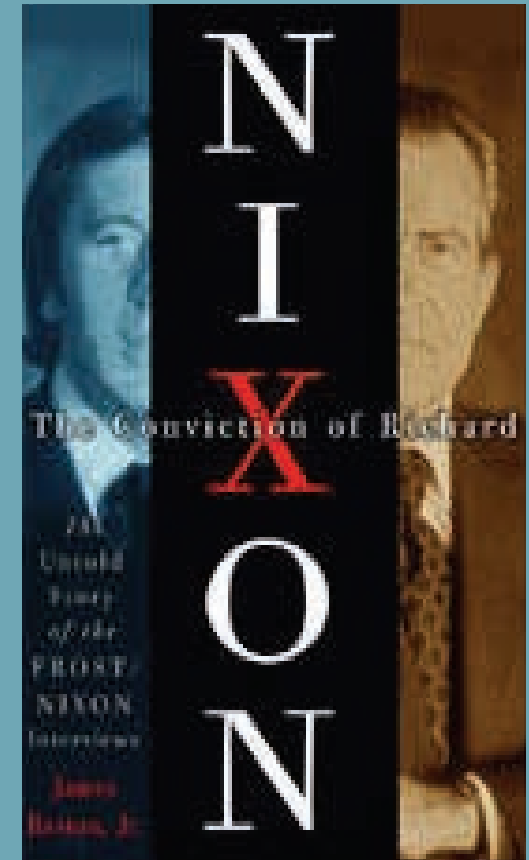


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Meet the Author



James Reston, Jr.

*Friday Evening
November 16, 2007*



*Fauquier Springs
Country Club
Springs Road, Warrenton, Virginia*



*James Reston, Jr., was David Frost's Watergate advisor for the interviews, and *The Conviction of Richard Nixon* is his intimate, behind-the-scenes account of his involvement.*

"A treasure trove of invaluable insights from an unimpeachable source. I couldn't put it down."

- *Frank Langella, Tony Award nominee for Frost/Nixon*

"Political history that reads like a thriller. Passionate, intelligent, entertaining, and human."

- *Michael Sheen, Evening Standard and Laurence Olivier Award nominee for Frost/Nixon*

"A riveting account."

- *Richard Ben-Veniste, former chief of the Watergate Task Force*

"Reston's memoir is a compact and gripping behind-the-scenes narrative focused on Frost's struggles to prepare for his encounter with the formidable Nixon. Reston captures Nixon's inner turmoil and myriad moods during the tapings. Above all, the book sheds important light on Nixon's failure to rehabilitate his reputation after his 1974 resignation."

- *Matthew Dallek, Alicia Patterson Foundation fellow*

THE CONVICTION OF RICHARD NIXON

The Watergate scandal began with a break-in at the office of the Democratic National Committee at the Watergate Hotel on June 17, 1971, and ended when President Gerald Ford granted Richard M. Nixon a pardon on September 8, 1974, one month after Nixon resigned from office in disgrace. Effectively removed from the reach of prosecutors, Nixon returned to California, uncontrite and unconvicted, convinced that time would exonerate him of any wrongdoing and certain that history would remember his great accomplishments—the opening of China and the winding down of the Vietnam War—and forget his “mistake,” the “pipsqueak thing” called Watergate.

In 1977, three years after his resignation, Nixon agreed to a series of interviews with television personality David Frost. Conducted over twelve days, they resulted in twenty-eight hours of taped material, which were aired on prime-time television and watched by more than 50 million people worldwide. Nixon, a skilled lawyer by training, was paid \$1 million for the interviews, confident that this exposure would launch him back into public life. Instead, they sealed his fate as a political pariah.

The Conviction of Richard Nixon was originally written in 1977 and published now for the first time, this book helped inspire Peter Morgan's hit play *Frost/Nixon*. Reston doggedly researched the voluminous Watergate record and worked closely with Frost to develop the interrogation strategy. Even at the time, Reston recognized the historical importance of the Frost/Nixon interviews; they would result either in Nixon's de facto conviction and vindication for the American people, or in his exoneration and public rehabilitation in the hands of a lightweight. Focused, driven, and committed to exposing the truth, Reston worked tirelessly to arm Frost with the information he needed to force Nixon to admit his culpability.

In *The Conviction of Richard Nixon*, Reston provides a fascinating, fly-on-the-wall account of his involvement in the Nixon interviews as David Frost's Watergate adviser. Written in 1977 immediately following these celebrated television interviews and published now for the first time, *The Conviction of Richard Nixon* explains how a British journalist of waning consequence drove the famously wily and formidable Richard Nixon to say, in an apparent personal epiphany, “I have impeached myself.”

The movie rights to *The Conviction of Richard Nixon* have been picked up by award winning director and producer Ron Howard. The film has already started production.