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*A Movement and Its Consequences* New York : Viking Press  
#1 New York Times bestseller for 13 consecutive weeks! "As long as humanity speaks of virtue and dreams of freedom, the life and writings of Whittaker Chambers will ennoble and inspire." - PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN "One of the dozen or so indispensable books of the century..." - GEORGE F. WILL "Witness changed my worldview, my philosophical perceptions, and, without exaggeration, my life." - ROBERT D. NOVAK, from his Foreward "Chambers has written one of the really significant American autobiographies. When some future Plutarch writes his American Live, he will find in Chambers penetrating and terrible insights into America in the early twentieth century." - ARTHUR

SCHLESINGER JR. "Chambers had a gift for language....to call Chambers an activist or Witness a political event is to say Dostoevsky was a criminologist or Crime and Punishment a morality tract." - WASHINGTON POST "Chambers was not just the witness against Alger Hiss, but was also one of th articulators of the modern conservative philosophy, a philosophy that has something to do with restoring the spiritual values of politics." - SAM TANENHAUS, author of Whittaker Chambers "One of the few indispensable autobiographies ever written by an American - and one of the best written, too." - HILTON KRAMER, *The New Criterion* First published in 1952, *Witness* is the true story of Soviet spies in America and the trial that captivated a nation. Part literary effort, part philosophical treatise, this intriguing autobiography recounts the famous Alger Hiss case and reveals much more. Chambers' worldview and his belief that "man

without mysticism is a monster" went on to help make political conservatism a national force. Regnery History's Cold War Classics edition is the most comprehensive version of Witness ever published, featuring forewords collected from all previous editions, including discussions from luminaries William F. Buckley Jr., Robert D. Novak, Milton Hindus, and Alfred S. Regnery.

#### Blacklisted by History Witness

The books altered the course of history; the lives behind them have the dark fascination of fiction. The subject of *The Anti-Communist Manifestos* is four influential books that informed the great political struggle known as the Cold War: *Darkness at Noon* (1940), by Arthur Koestler, a Hungarian journalist and polymath intellectual; *Out of the Night* (1941), by Jan Valtin, a German sailor and labor agitator; *I Chose Freedom* (1946), by Victor Kravchenko, a Soviet engineer; and *Witness* (1952), by Whittaker Chambers, an American journalist. The authors were ex-Communist Party members whose bitter disillusionment led them to turn on their former allegiance in literary fury. Koestler was a rapist, Valtin a thug. Kravchenko, though not a spy, was forced to live like one in America. Chambers was a prophet without honor in his own land. Three of the four had been underground espionage agents of the Comintern. All contemplated suicide, and two of them achieved it. John V. Fleming's humane and ironic narrative of these grim lives reveals that words were the true driving force behind the Cold War.

#### The Witness and the President Regnery History

Whittaker Chambers and Ronald Reagan—two conservative icons. Both hold a special place in the minds and hearts of political and cultural conservatives, and their names are linked in the history

of American conservatism. Reagan owes a huge debt to Chambers's reflections on communism and freedom, with his autobiography, *Witness*, serving almost as the midwife for Reagan's political rebirth. He partially repaid that debt when he awarded Chambers with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984. The two men, though, were opposites in their temperaments and predictions about the future of freedom. Chambers was so gloomy about the prospects for the free world that when he deserted communism, he stated to his wife, "You know, we are leaving the winning world for the losing world." Reagan, however, never lost his faith that America's future was bright, and that the Western world could help promote liberty in nations that were trapped by tyranny and spiritual darkness. Which of these two icons was closer to the truth? This book examines and contrasts the Chambers pessimism with the Reagan optimism and seeks to answer that question.

#### **The Untold Story of Senator Joe McCarthy and His Fight Against America's Enemies** Rowman & Littlefield

Winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in Biography Widely and enthusiastically acclaimed, this is the authorized, definitive biography of one of the most fascinating but troubled figures of the twentieth century by the nation's leading Cold War historian. In the late 1940s, George F. Kennan—then a bright but, relatively obscure American diplomat—wrote the "long telegram" and the "X" article. These two documents laid out United States' strategy for "containing" the Soviet Union—a strategy which Kennan himself questioned in later years. Based on exclusive access to Kennan and his archives, this landmark history illuminates a life that both mirrored and shaped the century it spanned.

### **Exposing Soviet Espionage and America's Traitors** Random House Incorporated

In this landmark work, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ted Morgan examines the McCarthyite strain in American politics, from its origins in the period that followed the Bolshevik Revolution to the present. Morgan argues that Senator Joseph McCarthy did not emerge in a vacuum—he was, rather, the most prominent in a long line of men who exploited the issue of Communism for political advantage. In 1918, America invaded Russia in an attempt at regime change. Meanwhile, on the home front, the first of many congressional investigations of Communism was conducted. Anarchist bombs exploded from coast to coast, leading to the political repression of the Red Scare. Soviet subversion and espionage in the United States began in 1920, under the cover of a trade mission. Franklin Delano Roosevelt granted the Soviets diplomatic recognition in 1933, which gave them an opportunity to expand their spy networks by using their embassy and consulates as espionage hubs. Simultaneously, the American Communist Party provided a recruitment pool for homegrown spies. Martin Dies, Jr., the first congressman to make his name as a Red hunter, developed solid information on Communist subversion through his Un-American Activities Committee. However, its hearings were marred by partisan attacks on the New Deal, presaging McCarthy. The most pervasive period of Soviet espionage came during World War II, when Russia, as an ally of the United States, received military equipment financed under the policy of lend-lease. It was then that highly placed spies operated inside the U.S. government and in America's nuclear facilities. Thanks to the Venona transcripts

of KGB cable traffic, we now have a detailed account of wartime Soviet espionage, down to the marital problems of Soviet spies and the KGB's abject efforts to capture deserting Soviet seamen on American soil. During the Truman years, Soviet espionage was in disarray following the defections of Elizabeth Bentley and Igor Gouzenko. The American Communist Party was much diminished by a number of measures, including its expulsion from the labor unions, the prosecution of its leaders under the Smith Act, and the weeding out, under Truman's loyalty program, of subversives in government. As Morgan persuasively establishes, by the time McCarthy exploited the Red issue in 1950, the battle against Communists had been all but won by the Truman administration. In this bold narrative history, Ted Morgan analyzes the paradoxical culture of fear that seized a nation at the height of its power. Using Joseph McCarthy's previously unavailable private papers and recently released transcripts of closed hearings of McCarthy's investigations subcommittee, Morgan provides many new insights into the notorious Red hunter's methods and motives. Full of drama and intrigue, finely etched portraits, and political revelations, *Reds* brings to life a critical period in American history that has profound relevance to our own time.

### **Witness** StarWalk Kids Media

"History of Alger Hiss-Whittaker Chambers controversy of 1948-50 in which Chambers claimed Hiss passed him documents in 1937 and 1938 for Soviet Union. Jury records unsealed in 1999 lead to the conclusion that stories Whittaker Chambers told the authorities about himself and Alger Hiss as confederates in the Communist underground of the 1930s are fraudulent"--  
*Odyssey of a Friend* Harvard University Press

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**At the Abyss** Columbia University Press

*Witness* Simon and Schuster

*The Witness and I* Routledge

A selection of articles published in the "National Review" magazine between 1955 and 1960.

Simon and Schuster

Although deconstruction has become a popular catchword, as an intellectual movement it has never entirely caught on within the university. For some in the academy, deconstruction, and Jacques Derrida in particular, are responsible for the demise of accountability in the study of literature. Countering these facile dismissals of Derrida and deconstruction, Herman Rapaport explores the incoherence that has plagued critical theory since the 1960s and the resulting legitimacy crisis in the humanities. Against the backdrop of a rich, informed discussion of Derrida's writings -- and how they have been misconstrued by critics and admirers alike -- *The Theory Mess* investigates the vicissitudes of

Anglo-American criticism over the past thirty years and proposes some possibilities for reform.

*Exit Right* Modern Library

This book accounts the Reagan administration's development and execution of the grand strategy that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union, emphasizing the coordinated use of diplomatic, informational, military, and economic instruments of national power. It challenges the dominant narrative that often denies the existence of the grand strategy.

*The Superstitions of 'Academic Freedom'* McFarland

Argues that, despite efforts to characterize Senator Joseph McCarthy as a demagogue who invented a bogus "Red Scare," his assertion that Communist agents had penetrated the U.S. government was correct, in a study that refutes the myths that have demonized McCarthy.

*Alger Hiss's Looking-Glass Wars* Presidio Press

This book is a fascinating account of a number of criminal cases in the United States and in the United Kingdom, some of which resulted in wrong convictions. The book is part narrative, part analysis. The analysis, in particular the demolition of the reputation of Whittaker Chambers, ex-spy and idol of many Americans (he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom) will arouse debate and rethinking of the real lessons of the cases. The British cases will shock the complacency of many British people. Both parts are relevant to the current debate on how to deal with Islamic terrorists, whose fanaticism recalls that of the IRA and supporters of Communism. The book includes an analysis of Communism and the way in which its supporters manipulate fact for their own ends.

**Selected Journalism** Library Modern Thinkers

"For God, for country, and for Yale... in that order," William F. Buckley Jr. wrote as the dedication of his monumental work—a compendium of knowledge that still resonates within the halls of the Ivy League university that tried to cover up its political and religious bias. In 1951, a twenty-five-year-old Yale graduate published his first book, which exposed the "extraordinarily irresponsible educational attitude" that prevailed at his alma mater. The book, *God and Man at Yale*, rocked the academic world and catapulted its young author, William F. Buckley Jr. into the public spotlight. Now, half a century later, read the extraordinary work that began the modern conservative movement. Buckley's harsh assessment of his alma mater divulged the reality behind the institution's wholly secular education, even within the religion department and divinity school. Unabashed, one former Yale student details the importance of Christianity and heralds the modern conservative movement in his preeminent tell-all, *God and Man at Yale: The Superstitions of "Academic Freedom."*

["no Psychological Novel Can Exceed it in Interest"](#) University-Press.org

An account of the Hiss-Chambers confrontation provides answers to the question of Hiss's guilt and reexamines long-held political attitudes

*An American Life* Simon and Schuster

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 23. Chapters: Whittaker Chambers, Elizabeth Bentley, Aldrich Ames, Alexandru Nicolschi, Louis F. Budenz, David

Greenglass, John Anthony Walker, Hede Massing, Alan Nunn May, John Alexander Symonds, Earl Edwin Pitts, Andrew Daulton Lee, Ethel Gee, Julian Wadleigh, Alexander Koral, Robert Lee Johnson, Gunvor Galtung Haavik, Oleg Lyalin, Selmer Nilsen. Excerpt: Whittaker Chambers was born Jay Vivian Chambers and also known as David Whittaker Chambers (April 1, 1901 - July 9, 1961), was an American writer and editor. After being a Communist Party USA member and Soviet spy, he later renounced communism and became an outspoken opponent later testifying in the perjury and espionage trial of Alger Hiss. Both are described in his book published in 1952 entitled *Witness*. Whittaker Chambers was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania spending his infancy in Brooklyn. His family moved to Lynbrook on Long Island, New York in 1904, where he grew up and attended school. His parents were named Jay Chambers and Laha. Chambers described his childhood as troubled because of his parents separation and caring for their mentally ill grandmother. Chambers' brother committed suicide shortly after withdrawing from his first year of college. Chambers would cite his brother's troubled life and eventually suicide as one of many reasons that he was drawn to communism as a young man. After graduating from South Side High School in neighboring Rockville Centre in 1919, Chambers worked at a variety of jobs before attending Williams College in 1920. He later enrolled as a day student at Columbia University. At Columbia his fellow students included Meyer Schapiro, Louis Zukofsky, Clifton Fadiman, John Gassner, Lionel Trilling (who later fictionalized him as a main character in his novel *The Middle of the Journey*), and Guy Endore. In the intellectual environment of...

**Alger Hiss** Simon and Schuster

The story of Whittaker Chambers, HUAC, and the case that defined the McCarthy era, as reported by one of the twentieth century's most respected journalists. In August 1948, a former Communist Party member named Whittaker Chambers testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that a secret cell of Communists had infiltrated Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration. Chief among the conspirators, according to Chambers, was Alger Hiss, a former government attorney and State Department official who had taken part in the Yalta Conference and been instrumental in the creation of the United Nations. Hiss's categorical denial of the charges, which led Chambers to produce evidence linking both men to Soviet espionage, quickly escalated into one of the most divisive episodes in American history and ignited the widespread fear and paranoia of the McCarthy era. As the US correspondent for the Manchester Guardian, Alistair Cooke reported extensively on the Hiss affair. In an atmosphere that he memorably compares to that of a seventeenth-century religious war, Cooke maintained a clear head and his signature intellectual rigor. A Generation on Trial, which begins with a brilliantly succinct summary of the case—"We are about to look at the trials of a man who was

judged in one decade for what he was said to have done in another"—is both a fascinating historical document and a stirring example of journalistic integrity.

Witness, by Whittaker Chambers W. W. Norton & Company

A reconstruction of the Alger Hiss trial, using testimony from edited transcripts of the trial, during which the reader can assume the role of juror. Newly updated 2012.

**Operation Snow** Crown Forum

Oppenheimer takes a provocative, intimate look at the evolution of America's political soul through the lives of six political figures who abandoned the left and joined the right: Whittaker Chambers, James Burnham, Ronald Reagan, Norman Podhoretz, David Horowitz, and Christopher Hitchens. The result is an unusually intimate history of the American left, and the right's reaction

*The Whittaker Chambers--Ralph De Toledano Letters, 1949-1960*  
Regnery Pub

The author charts the story of Whittaker Chambers, whose transformation from Communist agent to anti-Communist witness climaxed in 1948, when he testified against Alger Hiss, a senior U.S. State Department official, in the controversial trial that shook and changed America.