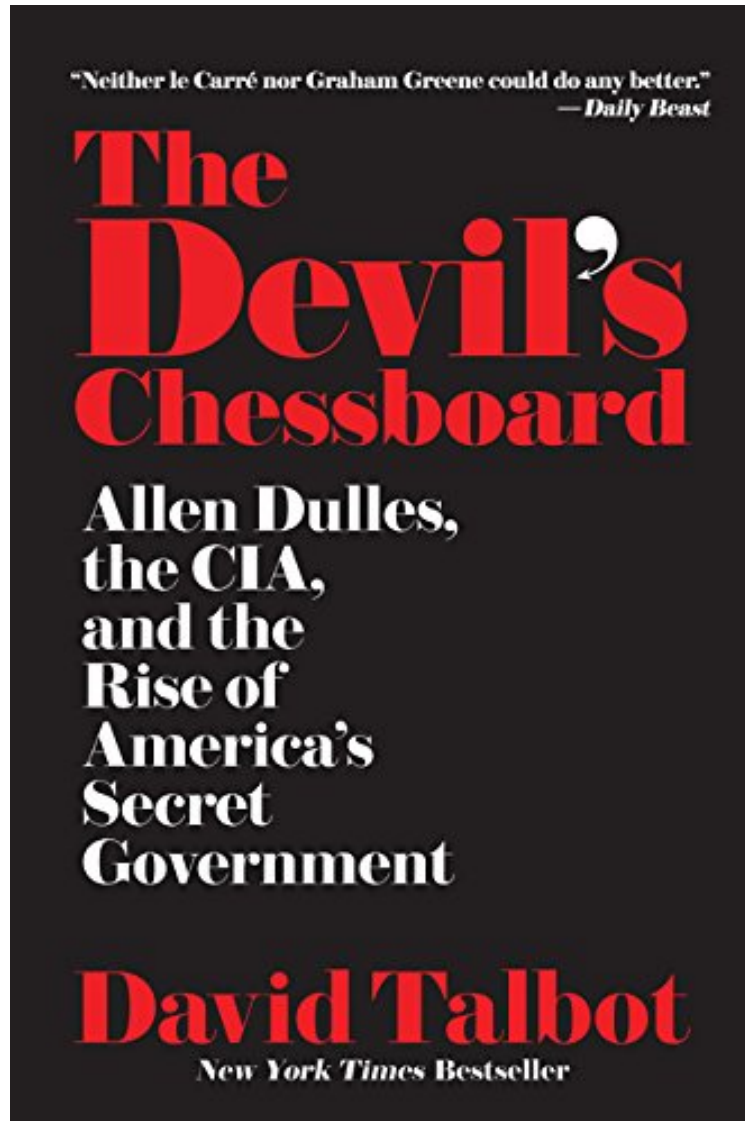


The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government

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of what we do and do not know about our country's dark past, but also new (to me) information about JFK's murder. I was less interested in the Nazi section than the assassination section, but the whole book is solid reading. Talbot kept firm control of his material and laid it out in inviting prose that prompted me to keep turning the pages. This struck me as a feat not many writers could have pulled off so successfully. The amount of research that went into this book is impressive (an understatement), but it's the delivery of that research that makes *The Devil's Chessboard* so readable. Update: I read the book a second time and changed my mind about being more interested in the JFK section than the Nazi section. This time around, the Nazi section unfolded in my mind like a movie. In fact, I'd like to see a movie based on this entire book. Yet again I am wowed by Talbot's research. 359 of 383 people found the following review helpful. A Groundbreaking Resource, Second Only to "JFK and the Unspeakable" By J. Roth A tremendous resource of breathtaking depth and clarity. Talbot builds on the now decades-old body of research initiated by investigative reporters Tom Mangold (*Cold Warrior*) and David Wise (*Molehunt*), and largely developed by assassination researchers James DiEugenio and Lisa Pease (*The Assassinations*) and adds groundbreaking new information. Talbot focusses extensively on James Jesus Angleton, the shadowy counterintelligence figure at the heart of the domestic assassinations of the 1960s, and examines the inner-workings of Dulles' ambitious (and dastardly) plot to consolidate and control global political power. *The Devil's Chessboard* is a startling and revelatory masterwork. In terms of easy-to-access assassination research, this book is second only to James Douglass' *JFK and the Unspeakable*. In terms of biographies of Dulles and Angleton, two of history's most infamous figures, this work is second to none. Note: Be wary of one-star reviews for this book. Some trace back to commissioned-review services, the same services that give five-star reviews to shady/suspicious health and beauty products. Go figure. 180 of 192 people found the following review helpful. Get this book! By Customer I am reviewing this book as I go along. It is a page turner. It's been awhile since I have read a book where I am using so many highlights to be able to go back to pertinent key words and sentences as the material is so rich. I have put down all other books I am reading for this book. It is bound to be a classic I believe. I have a feeling it will do for this subject matter much as James Douglass's *'JFK and the Unspeakable'* did for pure assassination research. I was not aware of HOW deep the Dulles/Nazi connection was. The writing style is crisp and to the point. Thank you Mr. Talbot for this wonderful book.

An explosive, headline-making portrait of Allen Dulles, the man who transformed the CIA into the most powerful and secretive colossus in Washington, from the founder of Salon.com and author of the New York Times bestseller *Brothers*. America's greatest untold story: the United States rise to world dominance under the guile of Allen Welsh Dulles, the longest-serving director of the CIA. Drawing on revelatory new materials including newly discovered U.S. government documents, U.S. and European intelligence sources, the personal correspondence and journals of Allen Dulles' wife and mistress, and exclusive interviews with the children of prominent CIA officials, Talbot reveals the underside of one of America's most powerful and influential figures. Dulles' decade as the director of the CIA, which he used to further his public and private agendas, were dark times in American politics. Calling himself the secretary of state of unfriendly countries, Dulles saw himself as above the elected law, manipulating and subverting American presidents in the pursuit of his personal interests and those of the wealthy elite he counted as his friends and clients. Colluding with Nazi-controlled cartels, German war criminals, and Mafiosi in the process. Targeting foreign leaders for assassination and overthrowing nationalist governments not in line with his political aims, Dulles employed those same tactics to further his goals at home, Talbot charges, offering shocking new evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. An exposé of American power that is as disturbing as it is timely, *The Devil's Chessboard* is a provocative and gripping story of the rise of the national security state and the battle for America's soul.

.com An Best Book of October 2015: Salon.com co-founder David Talbot's *The Devil's Chessboard* paints a riveting but unflattering picture of longtime CIA chief Allen Dulles (and of his Secretary of State brother, John Foster Dulles) in a nonfiction account covering decades of espionage, questionable tactics, and outright conspiracy. Heaping detail after detail into a dense but fast-flowing account, Talbot has written a book that reads like part Cold War history and part Tom Clancy novel. Both brothers protected the rich and powerful. Both felt they could act outside the rules. Both feared the Soviets and would do seemingly anything to oppose them. Readers will be glad these men are gone, even as they drink up every word written about them. And some will wonder if others have quietly taken their place.--Chris Schlupe A Cold War villain of realpolitik whose successes and blunders were unrivaled. As framed by Talbot, Dulles' extra-legal interventions, coups, slush funds, and ex-Nazi collaborations were as much pro-corporate as anti-Communist, more Cheneyish than Nixonian.... He'd fit right into our globalized, subcontracted, and hypersurveilled era. (New York Magazine) Dulles is unmasked as the backstage manipulator of US policy (foreign and domestic) from the Cold War up to his skillful defense of the highly suspect Warren Commission report. Those who scoff at conspiracy theories might have a change of mind after reading this book. (Boston Globe, Pick of the Week) A frightening biography of power, manipulation, and outright treason. The story of Allen Dulles and the power elite that ran Washington, D.C., following World War II is the stuff of spy fiction. All engaged American citizens should read this book and have their eyes opened. (Kirkus, starred review) A damning biography of the CIA's longest standing

director and an exposé of American politics. One would be hard pressed to find a book that is better at evoking the strange and apocalyptic atmospherics of the early Cold War years in America.... Neither le Carr nor Graham Greene could do any better. (Daily Beast) Offers a portrait of a black-and-white Cold War-era world full of spy games and nuclear brinkmanship. (Mother Jones) This year's best spy thriller isn't fiction; it's history. By the time *The Devil's Chessboard* eventually climaxes with the events that unfolded in Dallas in 1963, Talbot's argument that Dulles had both the power and temperament to execute such a plot is more than believable. (Salon) A chilling psychological depiction.... The vast surveillance system so dramatically revealed to the world by Edward Snowden could never have come to pass without the culture of fanatical secrecy and habitual lawlessness handed down by Dulles and his loyal agents. (Justyn Dillingham, Bookslut.com) This aptly titled book portrays Allen Dulles as the dark prince of the Cold War who manipulated the media, deceived presidents, helped stir up coups... [and might] have been involved in Kennedy's assassination. Readers who enjoy espionage's dark history will have a tough time putting this book down. (Library Journal) Essential reading, especially for readers with even a passing interest in post-WW2 U.S. foreign policy. (CounterPunch) From the Back Cover America's greatest untold story: the United States' rise to world dominance under the guile of Allen Welsh Dulles, the longest-serving director of the CIA. Drawing on revelatory new materials, David Talbot exposes the underside of one of America's most influential figures. *The Devil's Chessboard* tells the timely, provocative, and gripping story of the rise of the national security state and the battle for America's soul.