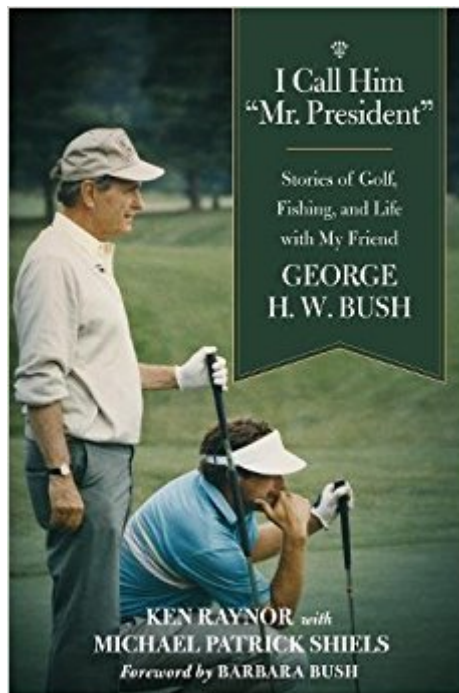




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I Call Him "Mr. President": Stories Of Golf, Fishing, And Life With My Friend George H. W. Bush



Synopsis

In *I Call Him "Mr. President"*, Ken Raynor, a PGA head professional at Cape Arundel Golf Club in Kennebunkport, Maine for thirty-eight years, tells the story of how President George HW Bush befriended him during Bush's annual summer sabbatical to seaside Kennebunkport, Maine. Raynor's personal relationship with Bush led him to experience everything from fishing trips to the wilds of Newfoundland to countless outings on the golf course, including Bush's last as commander in chief. Along the way, Raynor assisted Bush, a WWII veteran, in welcoming world leaders, former presidents, celebrities, and PGA Tour stars to the quaint Cape Arundel Golf Club and saw the excitement in their eyes during the outings. But he most cherishes his time after the rounds, in the Bush family home on nearby Walker's Point or in a tiny fishing boat, when the president would put his feet up, stare out at the Atlantic, and recount the day's events. In this book, Raynor reflects on the life lessons he gained from a friendship born outdoors that has continued to develop over decades, during golf outings that have ranged from Maine to Augusta National to the White House putting green, international fishing trips, retreats at Camp David, flying in Marine One, and many other unforgettable experiences. Raynor has likely played more rounds with a POTUS than any PGA professional in history.

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would not be what some might expect of someone who is so much in the public eye and has served as the commander-in-chief. He's a very thoughtful, caring, and considerate person. Jack Nicklaus, twenty-time Major Championship winner "I see so many similar characteristics between President Bush and Ken Raynor. They are two very understated gentlemen who are outdoorsmen and family people with unlimited integrity who have a presence about them that represents the finest things in life. Jim Nantz, CBS Sports "President Bush is like what everybody wishes their father or grandfather was like, or their best friend. It has been a thrill for me to get to spend time with him on and off the golf course. The rest of the day is fun, too. Davis Love III, PGA Tour player, Major Championship winner, and Ryder Cup captain "In this affecting, plainspoken memoir, Ken Raynor and Michael Patrick Shiels give us a warm, engaging portrait of the longtime friendship between Raynor and a pal who happened to be the 41st president of the United States--George Herbert Walker Bush. Through stories from the golf course and on the water as they fished and talked together, Raynor shows us the gracious human side of the former president, a man whose company was unfailingly wonderful and whose decency is much missed in the public arena today. In these pages you will feel as if you were lucky enough to be wrapped in the enveloping embrace of the Bush family's affection and you'll see why Bush loves Ken. By the end of the book, you will, too." Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author and presidential historian

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