



November 22, 1963

WITNESS TO HISTORY

Hugh Aynesworth

Summary

On November 22, 1963, reporter Hugh Aynesworth was not among the cadre of reporters and photographers assigned to cover the Dallas visit of President John Kennedy. Within thirty-six hours, however, Aynesworth had witnessed the assassination of the president, the arrest of the assassin, and the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby. Now fifty years later, November 22, 1963: WITNESS TO HISTORY recounts events that have passed into memory and controversy-and sets the record straight.

Author Bio

Four-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, bureau chief of both *Newsweek* and the *Washington Times*, and investigative team leader for ABC's *20/20*, Hugh Aynesworth was a thirty-two-year-old reporter for the *Dallas Morning News* when JFK's visit to Dallas ended in tragedy. His coverage of the assassination, the trial of Jack Ruby, and the conspiracy flurry that followed earned him two Pulitzer nominations and recognition as one of the most respected authorities on the Kennedy assassination. His reporting of Martin Luther King's assassination, the 1993 Branch Davidian standoff and fire, and the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City marked his career advancement from a small-town sports editor to bureau chief. Aynesworth is the author or coauthor of seven books, including *The Only Living Witness* and *Conversations with a Killer* about serial murderer Ted Bundy. He has served as president of the Dallas Press Club and the Press Club Foundation and has won over seventy local, regional, and national awards. Hugh Aynesworth lives in Dallas with his wife Paula, a sales executive at KERA and KXT North Texas Public Media.

Quotes

"Hugh Aynesworth knows more about this tragic story and the reporters who reported it than anyone I know. A splendid piece of work."

- Bob Schieffer, Anchor/Moderator, *Face the Nation*, *CBS News*

"I was proud of what we did on that story, but really it was Hugh's story from day one."

- Jim Lehrer, Journalist, author, and news anchor of *PBS NewsHour*

"No one - repeat, no one - in America knows more about the Kennedy assassination."

- Michael Ruby, Journalist, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Newsweek*, *Business Week*

"The fact that Hugh Aynesworth was an eyewitness to history is just the beginning of the story. With a historian's devotion to subject matter expertise and a reporter's sense of precision, Aynesworth established himself as the most reliable chronicler of the events surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy."

- Bob Mong, Editor, the *Dallas Morning News*

Marketing Plans

National Campaign: Author tour, broadcast, print and social media campaign beginning August 2013. Pre-taped and live national interviews scheduled to air beginning September 2013 - November 2013 in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of JFK Assassination. Print and digital advertising booked beginning August 2013.

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