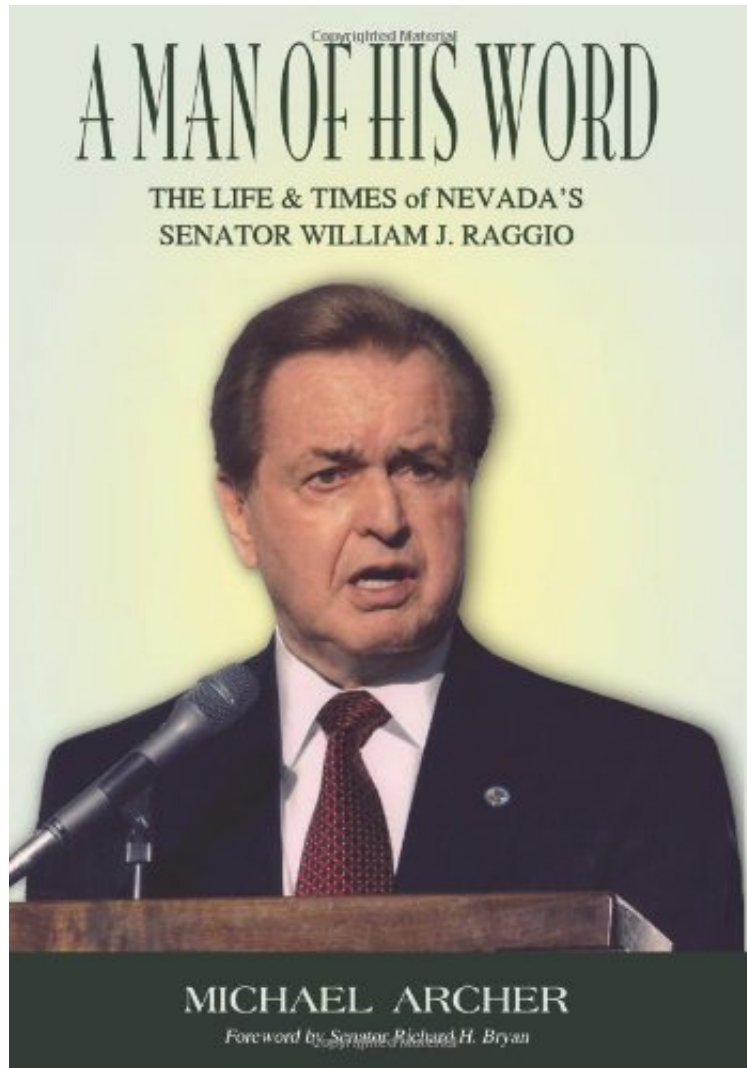


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Read Well Worth the Price By Reader in Reno Overall, this is an excellent read that is well worth the price. The first section of the book, which covers a time period that actually pre-dates the birth of Bill Raggio, is a fascinating history of early Nevada that would be well worth the read and price

alone. The second section of the book covers Raggio's youth. This was the only section in the book that didn't feel like it had a multitude of sources, and to some extent felt a little like a dictation by Raggio. Given Raggio's age, and the fact that the influential teachers and friends may have passed away, this was understandable. Still it was the weak spot in the book and the only place where there was a little "drag" to the 600 page book. The third section covers Raggio's time as Washoe County District Attorney and his interactions with the administration of President Richard Nixon. This covers everything from murder trials to the on-going struggle for the soul of Reno known as Raggio v. Conforte. (I am glad that Raggio won!). This was very well written, very well sourced by a multitude of archival records and interviews, and really fascinating reading. The fourth section covers Raggio's time as a State Senator in chapters covering each biennium. This was also very well sourced from archival and interview research. It was interesting to see how the debates in Nevada have changed--and not changed sometimes--over the past 40 years. It also had a good description of Governors past, present, and future (maybe) in the book. This book is only \$4.99 and was one of the best books I read this year. It is a history of Nevada and Reno. And, to some degree because of Raggio's cooperation, a guide map to future leaders of Nevada. A history where people can ascertain what worked--and more importantly what didn't work--in the past, so we don't have government do too much...or worse, do the wrong thing. Excellent book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book was great reading and filled in the details of a lot ...By Dennis P Diullo I grew up in Reno and later had the opportunity to know the Senator and his wife Dale personally. This book was great reading and filled in the details of a lot of events I knew of growing up in Reno. I will read it again and again since Nevada History is my hobby and there is so much information in the book to retain. Thanks to his wife Dale for pushing him to get the book completed. Oh, the author did an okay job also. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Man of His Word By Craig W. Tourte "A Man of His Word," a herculean task and scholarly effort. It brought me back to my days in Reno and the many visits to the Mapes and Riverside Casinos when Reno was just a small town with a rough and shadowy side of dark casinos, the mob, Joe Conforte his famous Mustang Ranch and working girls, government corruption and other interesting and odd characters. The intricate workings of the legislative process, Senator William J. Raggio's contribution to the State of Nevada, the mention of past and present day politicians along with Nevada native and present Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid makes this book informative, insightful and historic.

William J. Raggio is perhaps one of Nevada's best known and most admired citizens. A native Nevadan, his public service began in 1952 and ended in 2011, over eighteen years as a prosecutor and more than thirty-eight years as a legislator, achieving national prominence in both sectors and setting a record for the longest serving public official in Nevada's history--fifty-six years! During his tenure as the most influential leader in the history of the Nevada Legislature, he was often referred to by both admirers and critics as Nevada's Shadow Governor. In A Man of His Word, author Michael Archer chronicles the life of a Nevada legend--a story set against the backdrop of the emerging political and social structure of present day Nevada itself.

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