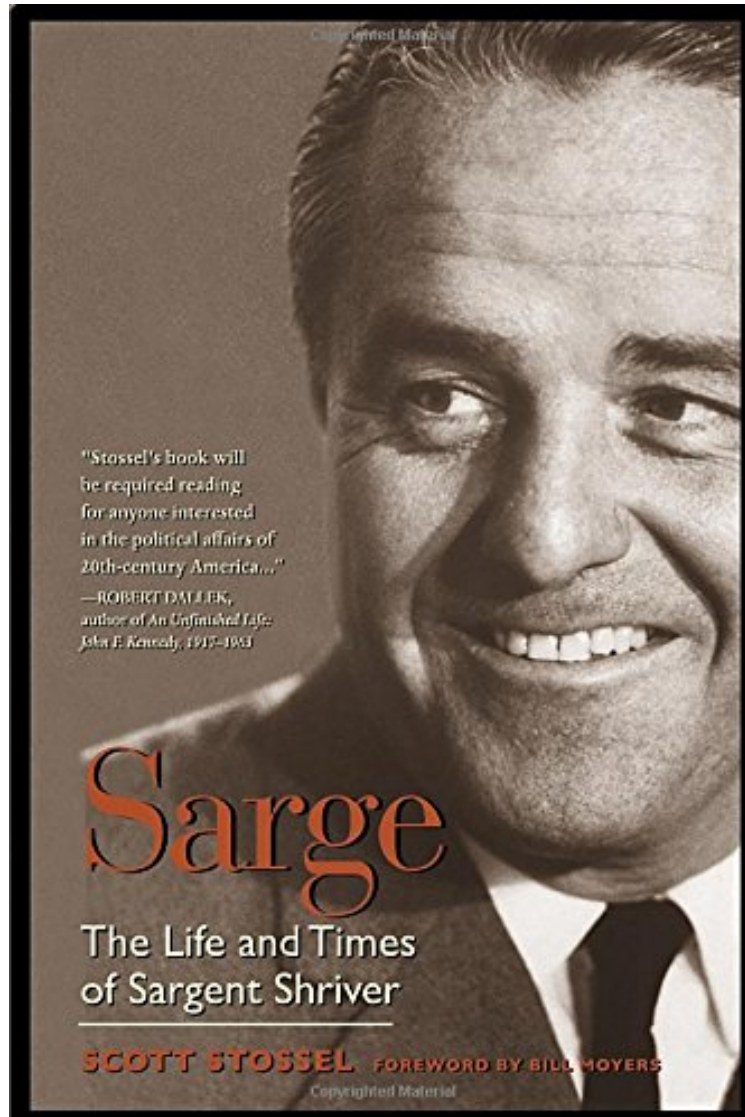


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As founder of the Peace Corps, Head Start, the Special Olympics (with wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver), and other organizations, Sargent Shriver was a key social and political figure whose influence continues to the present day. This authorized biography, exhaustively researched and finely rendered by Scott Stossel (deputy editor of *The Atlantic*), reads like an epic novel, with Sarge marching through the historical events of the last century—the Great Depression, World War II, JFK's assassination, the Cold War, and many more. Sarge gives us a complete account of Shriver's life, as well as a thoughtful commentary on the Kennedy family, the Peace Corps, and United States and world history. It is a riveting and comprehensive reconstruction of a life that exemplifies what it means to be a true American.

From *Publishers Weekly* This is a superbly researched, immensely readable political biography by Stossel, a senior editor at the *Atlantic Monthly*. Although Sargent Shriver (b. 1915) was never victorious in electoral politics, he emerges here as one of the more adept and dedicated public servants of the 20th century. His early professional direction was determined less by his own ambition than by his relationship to the Kennedys through his marriage to John and Robert Kennedy's sister Eunice. Suspending his own political aspirations to devote his efforts to John's 1960 presidential campaign, he went on to serve as the first director of the Peace Corps. Worried about charges of nepotism, Shriver agreed to serve only if Kennedy put his nomination before the Senate for review. In the minds of many, he would never emerge from his connection to the Kennedys, but his legacy, as Stossel argues convincingly, is impressive in its own right. Shriver headed the War on Poverty for President Johnson, which led to the eventual creations of VISTA and Head Start, and other services for the poor. He later served as ambassador to France, created the Special Olympics, ran for vice-president with George McGovern in 1972, and was a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1976. While some may find Stossel's view of Shriver hagiographic, that may have less to do with Stossel than with his subject, an inspiring figure whose life reaffirms the power of politics and government to effect positive, creative change. Set against a century of totalitarianism, war and gross inhumanity, Shriver's devotion to the "empowerment of impoverished groups" is a model of integrity and idealism. 40 bw photos. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Required reading for anyone interested in the political affairs of twentieth-century America and the story of the Kennedy dynasty." "In this lengthy but lively biography, the journalist Scott Stossel explains in exhaustive detail how Shriver translated vague mandates to found an international service program and wage war on poverty into the creation of some of the most successful social programs of the past half-century." --"Washington Post" "Required reading for anyone interested in the political affairs of 20th-century America and the story of the Kennedy dynasty." --Robert Dallek, author of "An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963" "This is a superbly researched, immensely readable political biography." --"Publishers Weekly" "A careful and capable portrait, of much interest to advocates of an activist, beneficent government and students of the Kennedy era alike." --"Kirkus" About the Author Scott Stossel is a deputy editor of *The Atlantic* and has written for a wide array of publications, including *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Boston Globe*. He lives with his wife and children in Washington DC.