

Jon Meacham

Jon Meacham became Editor of *Newsweek* in October 2006, after serving as Managing Editor since November 1998. In this position, he oversees all day-to-day editorial operations of *Newsweek* and *Newsweek.com* and works with Chairman and Editor-in-Chief Richard Smith on the long-range editorial direction of the magazine.

As Managing Editor, Meacham supervised *Newsweek's* coverage of politics, international affairs, and breaking news, and has written cover stories on politics, religion, guns in America, race, and the death of Ronald Reagan. In 2001, he was key in the editing of the magazine's coverage of the September 11 attacks, and oversaw both domestic and international reporting. *Newsweek's* coverage was honored with a National Magazine Award for General Excellence in 2002. In 2003, *Newsweek* won the award again, this time for coverage of President Bush and the war in Iraq.

After arriving at *Newsweek* in January 1995, Meacham became National Affairs editor in June of that year; in that role, he supervised coverage of politics and breaking news. In 1998, he edited *Newsweek's* groundbreaking coverage of the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of the president, which was honored with a 1999 National Magazine Award for Reporting.

In May 2010, Meacham began co-anchoring PBS's *Need To Know*, a weekly primetime news and public affairs series covering the economy, the environment and energy, health, national security, and culture. He has written for *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times Book Review*, and *The Washington Post Book World*. In 2001, he edited *Voices in Our Blood: America's Best on the Civil Rights Movement*, a literary anthology of the most important non-fiction accounts of the twentieth-century battle against Jim Crow. Before joining *Newsweek*, Meacham was an editor for two years at *The Washington Monthly*.

His book *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation* was published by Random House on April 11, 2006, and became both a *New York Times* and *Washington Post* bestseller. Meacham's *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship*, a chronicle of the wartime relationship between Roosevelt and Churchill, was published by Random House on October 21, 2003, and became a *New York Times* bestseller. *Franklin and Winston* was named a *Los Angeles Times* book of the year and won The Churchill Centre's 2005 Emery Reves Award for the best book of the year on Winston Churchill (past winners include Sir Martin Gilbert, William Manchester, and Roy Jenkins) and the William Colby Military Writers' Symposium's Book of the Year Award. The paperback edition was also a *New York Times* bestseller. Meacham's latest book, *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*, won the Pulitzer Prize for biography and is a *New York Times* bestseller.

Born in Chattanooga in 1969, Meacham holds a B.A. in English Literature from The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He now serves on the university's governing Board of Regents. He is a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Meacham is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is a communicant of St. Thomas Episcopal Church Fifth Avenue, where he serves on the Vestry of the 180-year-old parish. He is a member of the Vestry of Trinity Church Wall Street and, in 2005, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

Meacham and his wife, Keith, the director of development at Harlem Day Charter School, live in New York City with their three children.