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PROLIFIC HISTORIAN GEOFFREY C. WARD OFFERS A REVEALING NEW PORTRAIT OF THE ROOSEVELTS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 9, 2014) – In the much-anticipated new book, *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History* (co-authored by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns), screenwriter and historian **Geoffrey C. Ward** offers a vivid and meticulously researched narrative of one of America’s greatest political dynasties. Ward will sit down with National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen to discuss the lives and legacies of Theodore, Franklin, and Eleanor—and their lasting impact on the political and social fabric of our nation—on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** Please note, this program is **SOLD OUT**. A book sale and signing with Ward will take place at the conclusion of the event.

[*The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*](#), written as an accompaniment to the PBS documentary of the same name premiering this month, is the culmination of more than three decades of research by Ward. The book provides an in-depth account of the important moments in American history the Roosevelts helped to shape including the creation of the National Park system and the Panama Canal; the passage of the innovative New Deal programs; the defeat of Hitler; and the post-war struggle for civil rights. According to *Kirkus Reviews*, the book is “an eye-opening look at a political dynasty worthy of the name and at a state of politics far better than our own.”

Asked about the book, Ward recently stated “For me, the Roosevelts are perpetually fascinating. This is my fourth book that touches upon the family and, who knows, there may be more before I’m through. Of the three subjects in the book, F.D.R. intrigues me the most because he was so maddeningly elusive.”

[Geoffrey C. Ward](#) is the principal writer of *The Civil War*, *Jazz*, *Baseball*, and 13 other PBS documentaries. For his work, he has won seven Emmy Awards. Ward is also

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author of *A First-Class Temperament: The Emergence of Franklin Roosevelt*, winner of the 1989 National Book Critics Circle Award for biography, as well as more than a dozen other books whose themes range from East Indian culture to Mark Twain.

About the National Constitution Center

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