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Anonymous Times Op-Ed Author to Publish Tell-All About Trump Administration

'A Warning' to hit bookshelves Nov. 19



President Trump speaks during a cabinet meeting at the White House on Oct. 21. PHOTO: BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

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An anonymous writer described as a senior Trump administration official whose op-ed piece in the New York Times last year caused a firestorm has written a book called “A Warning” slated to hit bookshelves on Nov. 19.

The publisher, Twelve, an imprint of Lagardère [MMB 0.89% ▲](#) SCA's Hachette Book Group, described the book as “an unprecedented behind-the-scenes portrait of the Trump presidency.”

The op-ed piece, which ran in September 2018, was headlined “I Am Part of the Resistance Inside the Trump Administration.” In the essay, the author said that he wanted the administration “to succeed” but added that “the president continues to act in a manner that is detrimental to the health of our republic.”

After the op-ed was published, President Trump described the author as “gutless” and called on the Times to “turn him/her over to government at once!” The White House repeatedly urged the Justice Department to launch a probe to identify the writer.

The White House didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Twelve said in a news release that the author didn’t receive an advance for the book and that the author intends to “substantially” donate any royalties to nonprofit groups that “focus on government accountability and on supporting those who stand up for the truth in repressive countries around the world.” The publisher said the author would continue to remain anonymous.

Javelin, a literary agency in Alexandria, Va., sold the book on behalf of the author to Twelve. It couldn’t be learned whether the author is still working in the Trump administration. A spokesman for the agency declined to comment on any aspects of the author’s identity.

One bookseller said he had already placed a major order for the forthcoming book but that it was too early to predict how it would sell.

“We haven’t been given any information,” said Bradley Graham, co-owner of the Politics and Prose bookstore in Washington, D.C. “We just can’t tell at this time how much of a splash it will make without knowing more about what it will say.”

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