



Wrapped in the Flag: How I Escaped the Radical Right and Why it Matters Now (Paperback)

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Beacon Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A narrative history of the John Birch Society by a daughter of one of the infamous ultraconservative organization s founding fathers. Named a best nonfiction book of 2013 by Kirkus Reviews and the Tampa Bay Times Long before the rise of the Tea Party movement and the prominence of today s religious Right, the John Birch Society, first established in 1958, championed many of the same radical causes touted by ultraconservatives today, including campaigns against abortion rights, gay rights, gun control, labor unions, environmental protections, immigrant rights, social and welfare programs, the United Nations, and even water fluoridation. Worshipping its anti-Communist hero Joe McCarthy, the Birch Society is perhaps most notorious for its red-baiting and for accusing top politicians, including President Dwight Eisenhower, of being Communist sympathizers. It also labeled John F. Kennedy a traitor and actively worked to unseat him. The Birch Society boasted a number of notable members, including Fred Koch, father of Charles and David Koch, who are using their father s billions to bankroll fundamentalist and right-wing movements today. The daughter of one of the society s...



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