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NEWS JUNKIE

Jason Leopold

“I love this book. When other U.S. reporters were licking Ken Lay’s loafers, Leopold went for Enron’s thieving throat. Leopold is... a journalist who insists on real investigative reporting—inside documents, inside sources, hard knife-in-the-gut evidence—detective-style reporting that is just about illegal in the U.S.A.

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In **NEWS JUNKIE**, the cutthroat worlds of journalism, politics, and high finance are laid bare by Jason Leopold, whose addictive tendencies led him from a life of drug abuse and petty crime to become an award-winning investigative journalist who exposed some of the biggest corporate and political scandals in recent American history.

Jason Leopold was a convicted felon when he lied on his résumé and landed a job as Los Angeles Bureau Chief at Dow Jones newswires. Leopold became one of the first reporters to break key stories on the California energy crisis and Enron scandals, winning Dow Jones' 2001 Journalist of the Year Award for his stories exposing Enron's now infamous phony trading floor.

As his star continued to rise, Leopold lived in constant fear that the secrets of his own past would be discovered. As he closed in on his biggest story to date—one that would implicate Bush administration appointee Thomas White—Leopold suddenly found himself surrounded by angry colleagues and pilloried by the White House press secretary in an attempt to end his journalism career. **NEWS JUNKIE** reveals how it all unfolded.

Leopold's memoir is full of eye-opening behind-the-scenes stories of the world of mainstream journalism and the shadowy relationships between ambitious reporters and savvy politicians.

UPCOMING BOOKSTORE & MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Friday, September 22, 7:30 PM

Talk and book signing

BARNES & NOBLE (Greenwich Village)

396 Avenue of the Americas

(6th Ave. @ 8th St.)

New York, NY

Mid to late-September (dates vary per market)

Appearance, featured guest

MENTAL ENGINEERING Television show

Public Broadcasting Station, Nationally Syndicated

Appearing with Liz Winstead, Co-creator of the Daily Show and Sam Simon, Co-creator of the Simpsons

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leopold's work has been published in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Nation*, *Salon*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and numerous other national and international publications. Leopold has appeared on CNBC and National Public Radio as an expert on energy policy and has also been the keynote speaker at more than two-dozen energy industry conferences around the country.

Leopold is one of the top five independent journalists selected for this year's **Project Censored Award**, given to the 25 most important underreported stories of the year. His story about Halliburton's dealings in Iran, "Halliburton Secretly Doing Business with Key Member of Iran's Nuclear Team," will be published in the fall of 2006 in Seven Stories' release *Censored 2007*. Leopold currently writes about foreign and domestic policy online for the Truthout.org. Leopold lives with his wife in Beverly Hills, California.

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