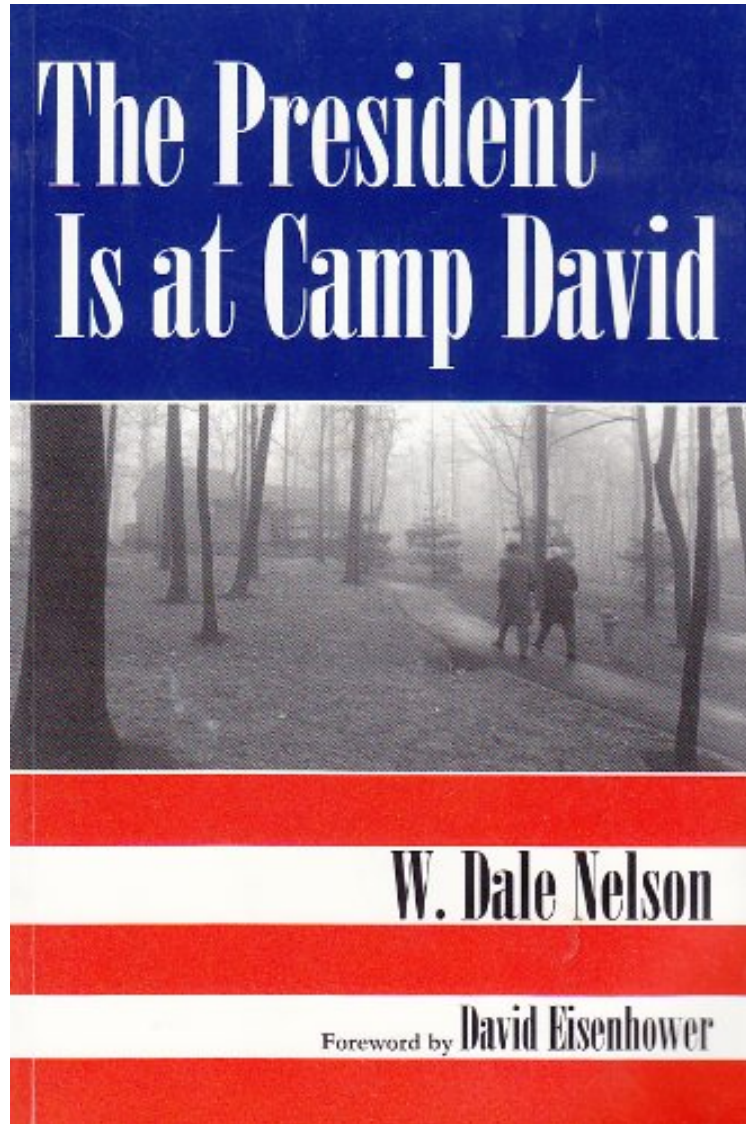


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In this text, W. Dale Nelson chronicles the genesis and development of the position of the White House press secretary during the 20th century. He also covers each administration in detail, using newspaper, archival and interview sources.

From Publishers Weekly Nelson's entertaining history of the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains sheds light on a relatively obscure but not unimportant aspect of the presidency. Using memoirs, archives and interviews, he relates how FDR selected the site, how Truman made the first improvements and how succeeding chief executives have used (or neglected to use) the camp's rustic facilities. Nelson emphasizes how Camp David, named for President Eisenhower's father and grandson, has often provided an informal setting for summit meetings such as the 1960 Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks, which forged the short-lived "Spirit of Camp David" thaw, and the meetings between Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin that President Carter hosted and that led to the 1978 Camp David Accords. The historical meetings reviewed here are not as interesting as the trivia Nelson has collected: Margaret Truman's opinion that the place was claustrophobic and gloomy; Pat Nixon's warning to incoming First Lady Nancy Reagan that "Without Camp David you'll go stir crazy." Nelson was an AP reporter for 40 years. Photos. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Booklist Nelson describes the alterations, decorations, and world-shaping events that each president brought to Camp David. Called Shangri-La by its founder, Franklin Roosevelt, most successive presidents were certain this rural outpost would not suit them. Yet, each was entranced by the place and left his mark. Named Camp David by President Eisenhower, in honor of his father and grandson, the presidential retreat kept that name through the next eight presidents. The impact of the Bush and Clinton administrations are covered briefly in an epilogue. Created as a secret hideaway, the camp has become internationally famous, and this in-depth, illustrated look once would have been considered a breach of secrecy. Denise Perry Donavin

From the Back Cover Invitations to Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland, are rare, limited to the closest members of the president's family and administration, and to the most notable foreign dignitaries. For those who will never visit it, W. Dale Nelson's book offers an intimate look at the camp and its eminent lodgers. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who selected the spot, which was originally built as a boys camp, called it Shangri-La. Harry Truman visited the rustic retreat only occasionally. In the 1950s, Dwight Eisenhower found it a perfect haven, added a small golf course, and renamed it after his father and grandson. Eisenhower was also the first to lift the veil of secrecy around the retreat by inviting Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to visit. With Khrushchev's visit, the "spirit of Camp David" came to symbolize one of the first thaws of the cold war. Other former Soviet Premiers would follow, including Leonid Brezhnev, who, it is said, was accompanied by a stewardess who spent the night in his cabin. It was in this tranquil setting that Lyndon B. Johnson imported aides to plan and debate the Vietnam War. After his reelection, Nixon went to the mountaintop to reorganize his administration. In the meantime, he had secret taping devices installed in the presidential lodge. It was Jimmy Carter, though, who restored Camp David's international fame by using it for the intense negotiations to achieve peace between Israel and Egypt.