



**THE EXCEPTION TO THE
RULERS**

*Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and
the Media That Love Them*

by **Amy Goodman**
acclaimed host of Pacifica Network's *Democracy Now!*
with **David Goodman**

“Journalist and radio host Goodman brings her hard-hitting, no-holds-barred brand of reporting to an array of human rights, government accountability and media responsibility issues, and the result is bracing and timely. Goodman isn’t about to let anyone slide by with easy explanations, not even then President Clinton when he called in on her daily Pacifica news show. And she is fierce and tireless in her commitment to dig behind official versions of the facts to get to very different stories. Her analysis of Iraq War contracts won by certain key Bush campaign donors will open many eyes...

These and other provocative questions power Goodman’s stirring call for a democratic media serving a democratic society.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“She gets up every morning of every day—long before the rest of us!—to be the only daily voice of truth on the radio in the United States of America. How sad that I even have to write those words! A nation of 300 million, a written guarantee of a free press, and no one will do the job that Amy Goodman does so simply, so profoundly. This book puts the pedal to the metal of all the lies we’re told, day in and day out. Amy Goodman is a national treasure, and if you are unable to pick up her signal on the dial, you can now pick up this

book, shake your head in disbelief and disgust as you read it,
and then put it down so you can go raise some hell!”

—Michael Moore, director of *Bowling for Columbine* and author of
Stupid White Men and *Dude, Where’s My Country?*

“In *The Exception to the Rulers*, Amy Goodman continues the quest for global justice and awareness by bringing us stories and a perspective that we don’t normally get from the mainstream media. This latest effort provides an important forum for people around the world who are engaged in social justice and social change.”

—Danny Glover

“Amy Goodman has taken investigative journalism to new heights of exciting, informative, and probing analysis. She has tirelessly pursued the most challenging and hardest questions, relentlessly and courageously. She has made a unique contribution to creating the informed public that must exist if ‘democracy now’ is to be more than a dream.”

—Noam Chomsky, author, *9-11* and *Hegemony or Survival*

“Amy Goodman has carried the great muckraking tradition of Upton Sinclair, George Seldes, and I. F. Stone into the electronic age, creating a powerful counter to the mainstream media. Her programs have reached into homes across the country, educating a new generation of listeners on the realities of U.S. policy at home and abroad.

The book she has done with her brother is a very welcome and important addition to the dissident literature of our time.”

—Howard Zinn, historian and author of *A People’s History of the United States*

“At times when people are told to ‘watch what they say,’ Amy Goodman is not afraid to speak truth to power. She does it every day.”

—Susan Sarandon

“Amy Goodman and *Democracy Now!* represent what journalism should be: beholden to the interests of people, not power and profit. Her work is invaluable.”

—Arundhati Roy, author of *The God of Small Things* and *War Talk*

Bill Clinton called her “hostile, combative, and even disrespectful.” The Indonesian military labeled her “a threat to national security.” Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, “I have advised my mother to talk to no reporters because of . . . people like you.”

In her much anticipated first book **THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULERS: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them (Published by Hyperion; April 14, 2004, Hardcover)** award-winning journalist Amy Goodman, together with her brother David Goodman, exposes the lies, corruption, and crimes of the power elite—an elite that is bolstered by large media conglomerates.

For years, Amy Goodman has confronted the Washington establishment and its corporate cronies, amplifying grassroots voices around the world. Goodman insists, “Journalists should not be cozying up to those in power, but holding them accountable. That’s the role media should play in a democratic society. The corporate media must be challenged in the way that it serves as a megaphone for those in power.”

Goodman hosts the national radio and TV show *Democracy Now!*, which began in 1996 as the only daily election show in public broadcasting. It is a beacon for passionate, critical, and hard-hitting news and is now the largest public media collaboration in North America. Her goal is “to go where the silence is, to give voice to the *silenced* majority.”

Tackling subjects ranging from the deceptions of politicians to the corruption of media monopolies and corporate influence over the government, Goodman attacks and exposes the lies and hypocrisy that put democracy at risk. Amy Goodman is an uncompromising and committed media pioneer whose message is of critical importance. **THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULERS** will enlighten and outrage readers—and move them to take action.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: **Amy Goodman** is an internationally acclaimed journalist and host of Pacifica Network's *Democracy Now!* She has won many of the most prestigious awards in journalism, including the George Polk Award, the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Prize for International Reporting. *Democracy Now!* is now aired on over 200 radio and TV stations across the United States and around the world. She lives in New York City. **David Goodman** is an award-winning independent journalist whose articles have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Mother Jones*, *Outside*, *The Nation*, and numerous other publications. He is the author most recently of the critically acclaimed *Fault Lines: Journeys into the New South Africa*. He lives with his wife and two children in Vermont.

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