



**DREAMWORKS STUDIOS ACQUIRES THE FILM RIGHTS TO PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING
AUTHOR DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED BOOK,
*THE BULLY PULPIT: THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF JOURNALISM***

LOS ANGELES, CA (OCTOBER 30, 2013)—DreamWorks Studios has closed a preemptive deal to acquire the film rights to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin's soon-to-be-released book, *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism*, it was announced today by Stacey Snider, Partner and Co-Chair at DreamWorks Studios. Goodwin previously collaborated with the studio on the critically acclaimed and award-winning *Lincoln*, based in part on Goodwin's #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

Goodwin's *The Bully Pulpit* will be released November 5, 2013 by Simon & Schuster. The book, seven years in the making, tells the riveting story of two longtime friends who become bitter political opponents. Roosevelt's fighting spirit and impulsive temperament stood in counterpoint to Taft's deliberative, conciliatory disposition. Yet, their opposing qualities proved complementary, allowing them to create a rare camaraderie and productive collaboration until their brutal fight for the presidential nomination in 1912 divided them, their families, their colleagues, and their friends. It split the Republican Party in two, and altered the course of American history.

"Doris has once again given us the best seats in the house where we can watch two dynamic American personalities in a battle for power and friendship," said Steven Spielberg.

Spielberg and Goodwin previously worked together on *Lincoln*, based in part on Goodwin's *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, with a script by Academy Award®-nominated writer Tony Kushner. This new project expands upon that winning combination. *Lincoln* earned 12 Academy Award® nominations, including an Academy Award for actor Daniel Day-Lewis for his portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln, and box office grosses of over \$270 million.

"Working with Steven Spielberg and DreamWorks on *Lincoln* seemed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Doris Kearns Goodwin. "I cannot imagine anything better than the prospect of working with them again, this time to bring Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft to life."

Goodwin, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history for *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*, is also the author of the bestsellers *Wait Till Next Year*,

Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream and *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, which was adapted into an award-winning five-part TV miniseries.

Doris Kearns Goodwin was represented in the deal by ICM.

About DreamWorks Studios

DreamWorks Studios is a motion picture company formed in 2009 and led by Steven Spielberg and Stacey Snider in partnership with The Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group. The company's recent releases include Spielberg's *Lincoln*, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones. The film has grossed over \$180 million at the U.S. box office and was nominated for twelve Academy Awards® with Daniel Day-Lewis winning for Best Actor. Other releases include *Real Steel*, starring Hugh Jackman and directed by Shawn Levy, Steven Spielberg's *War Horse*, based on Michael Morpurgo's award-winning book and nominated for six Academy Awards® including Best Picture, and *The Help*, which resonated with audiences around the country and earned over \$200 million at the box office and received four Academy Award® nominations with Octavia Spencer winning for Best Supporting Actress. Upcoming films include the comedy *Delivery Man*, starring Vince Vaughn, car racing actioner *Need for Speed*, starring Aaron Paul, and the drama *The Hundred-Foot Journey*, starring Helen Mirren.

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