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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
presents an author talk and book signing with  
DAVID PIETRUSZA, author of  
1932: THE RISE OF HITLER AND FDR --  
TWO TALES OF POLITICS, BETRAYAL, AND UNLIKELY DESTINY  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Henry A. Wallace Center at the  
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present an author talk and book signing with **DAVID PIETRUSZA, author of 1932: THE RISE OF HITLER AND FDR -- TWO TALES OF POLITICS, BETRAYAL, AND UNLIKELY DESTINY**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Pietrusza will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

*Synopsis:*

Two Depression-battered nations confronted their destinies in 1932, going to the polls to anoint new leaders, to rescue their people from starvation and hopelessness. The outcome seemed foreordained -- unstoppable forces advancing upon crumbled, disoriented societies. A merciless Great Depression brought greater transformation -- perhaps hopeful, perhaps deadly: FDR's New Deal and Hitler's Third Reich.

But neither outcome was inevitable.

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**1932: THE RISE OF HITLER AND FDR** covers two epic stories that possess haunting parallels to today. It is a story of scapegoats and panaceas, class warfare and racial politics, of a seemingly bottomless depression, of massive unemployment and hardship, of unprecedented public works/infrastructure programs, of business stimulus programs and damaging allegations of political cronyism, of waves of bank failures and of mortgages foreclosed, of Washington bonus marches and Berlin street fights, of once-solid financial empires collapsing seemingly overnight, of rapidly shifting social mores, and of mountains of irresponsible international debt threatening to crash not just mere nations but the entire global economy.

It is the tale of spell-binding leaders versus bland businessmen and out-of-touch upper-class elites; a tale of two nations inching to safety but lurching toward disaster. It is 1932's nightmare -- with lessons for today.

**David Pietrusza's** books include *1920: THE YEAR OF SIX PRESIDENTS*; *ROTHSTEIN: THE LIFE, TIMES, AND MURDER OF THE CRIMINAL GENIUS WHO FIXED THE 1919 WORLD SERIES*; *1948: HARRY TRUMAN'S IMPROBABLE VICTORY AND THE YEAR THAT TRANSFORMED AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD*; and *1960: LBJ VS. JFK vs. NIXON: THE EPIC CAMPAIGN THAT FORGED THREE PRESIDENCIES*. Pietrusza has appeared on AMC, *Morning Joe*, *The Voice of America*, The History Channel, ESPN, NPR, and C-SPAN. He has spoken at The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, and various universities and festivals. He lives in Scotia, New York.

Copies of Pietrusza's book will be available for sale after the talk. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions about the event.

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