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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation  
present a conversation and book signing with  
Award-winning Author and Screenwriter  
GEOFFREY C. WARD -- coauthor with Ken Burns  
of *The New York Times* Best Seller  
THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY  
Wednesday, October 22, 2014 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 and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation are pleased to present a conversation and book signing with award-winning author and screenwriter **GEOFFREY C. WARD** -- coauthor with Ken Burns of *The New York Times* Best Seller **THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY**. The program will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the program, Ward will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

With 796 photographs, many selected from the Roosevelt Library archives and some never before seen, **THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY** is a vivid and personal portrait of America's greatest political family and its enormous impact on our nation -- the companion volume to the seven-part PBS documentary series.

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The authors of the acclaimed and best-selling *The Civil War, Jazz, Baseball* and *The War* present an intimate history of three extraordinary individuals from the same extraordinary family -- Theodore, Eleanor, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Geoffrey C. Ward, distilling more than thirty years of thinking and writing about the Roosevelts, and the acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns carefully illustrate that, despite the fierce partisanship of their eras, the Roosevelts were far more united than divided.

All the history the Roosevelts made is captured in this work, but it is primarily an intimate account, the story of three people who overcame obstacles that would have undone less forceful personalities.

Theodore Roosevelt would push past childhood frailty, outpace depression, survive terrible grief -- and transform the office of the presidency.

Eleanor Roosevelt, orphaned and alone as a child, would endure her husband's betrayal, battle her own self-doubts, and remake herself into the most consequential first lady in American history -- and the most admired woman on earth.

And Franklin Roosevelt, born to privilege and so pampered that most of his youthful contemporaries dismissed him as a charming lightweight, would summon the strength to lead the nation through the two greatest crises since the Civil War, though he could not take a single step unaided.

The three were towering personalities, but *THE ROOSEVELTS* shows that they were also flawed human beings who confronted in their personal lives issues familiar to all of us: anger and the need for forgiveness, courage and cowardice, confidence and self-doubt,

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loyalty to family and the need to be true to oneself. This is the story of the Roosevelts -- no other American family ever touched so many lives.

**Geoffrey C. Ward** is the author of seventeen books, including three focused on FDR: *BEFORE THE TRUMPET: YOUNG FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, 1882–1905*; *A FIRST-CLASS TEMPERAMENT: THE EMERGENCE OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT* (which won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Biography, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Francis Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize); and *CLOSEST COMPANION: THE UNKNOWN STORY OF THE INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AND MARGARET SUCKLEY*. A longtime collaborator with Ken Burns, he has also won seven Emmys and written twenty-seven historical documentaries for PBS, either on his own or in collaboration with others, including *THE ROOSEVELTS: AN INTIMATE HISTORY*.

Copies of Ward's book will be available for sale after the program. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions.

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### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor

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Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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