

What's Next

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"This is the book *The West Wing* deserves." Allison Janney
"A joy and a MUST READ for all the Wingnuts out there!" Brad Whitford
A behind-the-scenes look into the creation and legacy of *The West Wing* as told by cast members Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack, with compelling insights from cast and crew exploring what made the show what it was and how its impassioned commitment to service has made the series and relationships behind it endure. Includes an exclusive foreword by showrunner Aaron Sorkin and introduction by cast member Allison Janney.

Step back inside the world of President Jed Bartlet's Oval Office with Fitzgerald and McCormack as they reunite the *West Wing* cast and crew in a lively and colourful "backstage pass" to the timeless series. This intimate, in-depth reflection reveals how *The West Wing* was conceived, and spotlights the army of people it took to produce it, the lifelong friendships it forged, and the service it inspired.

From cast member origin stories to the collective cathartic farewell on the show's final night of filming, *What's Next* will delight readers with on-set and off-camera anecdotes that even *West Wing* super fans have never heard. Meanwhile, a deeper analysis of the show's legacy through American culture, service, government, and civic life underscores how the series envisaged an American politics of decency and honour, creating an aspirational White House beyond the bounds of fictional television.

What's Next revisits beloved episodes with fresh, untold commentary; compiles poignant and hilarious stories from the show's production; highlights initiatives supported by the cast, crew, and creators; and makes a powerful case for competent, empathetic leadership, hope, and optimism for whatever lies ahead.

"*What's Next* is the highest level of access you can get to *The West Wing* without a background check." Josh

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"What's Next" is the book we all need right now." Dul  Hill
"Any West Wing fan will adore this book, as will anyone who admires brilliant television and all that it takes to make it. Run and buy What's Next for all the West Wingers in your life!" Janel Moloney

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