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By Peter Ross RangeHa! Boffo book, perfect timing! With his newly-honed skills as a playwright ("Rose," now playing in Chicago), historian-journalist Leamer shows he also has the novelist's touch and a funny bone to boot. The concept of an over-the-top mogul in the Oval Office is obviously front-burner and treating it as fiction is a welcome relief from the drumbeat of campaign warfare. It offers entertaining if titillating relief to both sides of the bitter fight--the perfect antidote for our time.

Just in time for the election, *The President's Butler* will make you laugh out loud about politics. You'll join Vincent V. Victor on the most wildly improbable journey of our time. The flamboyant New Yorker evolves from the most hated businessman in America to a populist hero. When Victor falls on financial hard times, he decides to run for president and sets off on a campaign that changes America forever. And who's there to tell the story but the man who knows Victor best, his butler Billy Baxter. The butler sees it all, forgets nothing, and tells everything. Laurence Leamer has written fifteen books, five of them New York Times best sellers. He has spent forty years observing American politics in preparation for this portrait of a Manhattan hillbilly reaching the White House. And it isn't only politicians who are savagely skewered in this searing fictional portrait of American politics and culture gone wrong. American journalists are portrayed as every bit as self-serving as the politicians they report upon. *The President's Butler* is one of the funniest novels in years, but it is also drop dead serious. It is a book that no one who reads it will ever forget. Early praise for *The President's Butler* "The President's Butler cannot be read without thinking of....well, you know who. But a reader won't know whether to laugh or cry at this spot-on satirical romp deftly eviscerates modern-day politics that are almost too absurd to parody yet also too frightening to ignore." David Corn, Washington bureau chief, *Mother Jones* "Laurence has produced not just another political story with a short shelf space. This is a wonderful read and he has combined all the elements of some of the greatest American novels. There is a whole lot of Gatsby here along with much that is something reminiscent of bestselling Fletcher Knebel's *Dark Horse*. The narrator talks to us in the voice of Jack Burden, the haunted and dark soul who suffered through his years with Willie Stark, the Huey Long type in Robert Penn Warren's classic *All the King's Men*. While the relevance to the 2016 Presidential campaign is obvious, this novel is really for the ages." John Zogby, founder of the Zogby Poll and author of *We Are Many, We Are One: Neo-Tribes and Tribal Analytics in 21st Century America* "A wickedly funny, astute, acerbic and well developed parody about a ruthless and incredibly politically incorrect billionaire running for president" Splash "Beautifully written, *The President's Butler* will make readers groan and roar with laughter, and puts Leamer in heady company, as the worthy inheritor of Sinclair Lewis, Robert Penn Warren and Tom Wolfe. Leamer's protagonist, Vincent Victor, is the new Gatsby, reflecting all that compels our era's rendezvous with inanity: ambition, class, politics and greed." Mark Perry, bestselling author of *The Most Dangerous Man in America: The Making of Douglas MacArthur* "Parts of *The President's Butler* may be laugh-out-loud funny, but this is a serious and important book that must be read. Laurence Kotlikoff, presidential candidate at Kotlikoff2016.com "Damn-well written, racy, readable, funny and sharp, with a glorious mix of snobbery meets the American bottom line. Reminds me of *A Confederacy of Dunces*!" Nigel Hamilton, New York Times bestselling author of *Commander in Chief*

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