

Personal Portrait of Ben Bradlee: Legendary Editor of The Washington Post



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Benjamin Crowninshield Bradlee, known as Ben Bradlee, was an American journalist and editor who served as the executive editor of The Washington Post from 1968 to 1991. He is best known for his role in the Watergate scandal, which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Bradlee was a strong advocate for freedom of the press and the First Amendment.

Early Life and Career

Bradlee was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 26, 1921. His father was a lawyer and his mother was a socialite. Bradlee attended Harvard College, where he studied history. After graduating from Harvard, Bradlee served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he worked as a reporter for The New Hampshire Hampshire and The Washington Post.

In 1965, Bradlee was named managing editor of The Washington Post. In 1968, he became executive editor. Under Bradlee's leadership, The Washington Post became one of the most respected newspapers in the United States. The Post's coverage of the Watergate scandal won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 1973.

Watergate Scandal

The Watergate scandal began in 1972, when five burglars were arrested at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate Office Building in Washington, D.C. The burglars worked for the Committee to Re-Elect the President (CRP), Nixon's re-election campaign. The Post's reporters, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, began investigating the break-in. Bradlee supported Woodward and Bernstein's reporting, even when it was unpopular with Nixon and his administration.

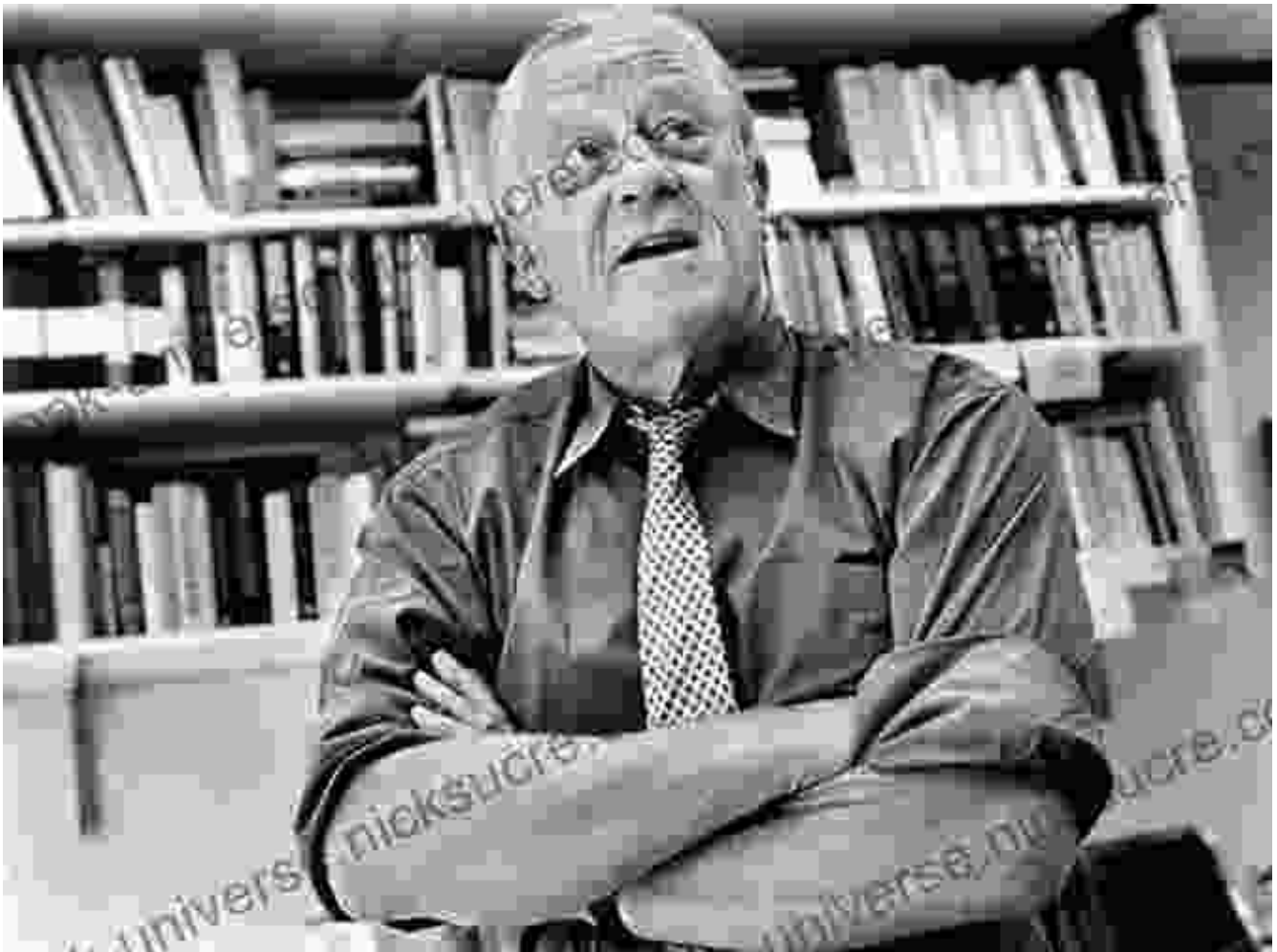
The Post's coverage of Watergate led to the resignation of Nixon in 1974. The scandal was a major turning point in American history. It led to a loss of trust in the government and the media. It also led to the passage of new laws to protect freedom of the press.

Legacy

Ben Bradlee died in 2014 at the age of 93. He is considered one of the most influential journalists and editors in American history. He was a strong advocate for freedom of the press and the First Amendment. His legacy continues to inspire journalists and editors today.

Ben Bradlee was a legendary editor who led The Washington Post through a period of unprecedented success and controversy. He was a strong

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Ben Bradlee in the newsroom of The Washington Post

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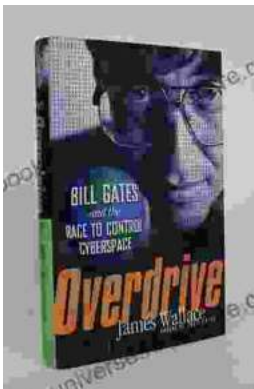
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