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C-SPAN'S "BOOKNOTES": BACKGROUND AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Washington, D.C., March 26, 1993--Every Sunday, at 8:00-9:00 PM/ET (5:00-6:00 PM/PT), C-SPAN airs "Booknotes," an hour-long interview with the author of a recent book on public affairs. Viewers meet the person behind the book, and learn about the latest ideas on economics, politics, history, foreign policy, and other issues of national interest. "Booknotes" re-airs on Sundays from 11:00-12:00 PM/ET (8:00-9:00 PM/PT) for West Coast audiences.

Since "Booknotes" launched on April 2, 1989, over 200 authors have appeared. The first was Zbigniew Brezinski, national security advisor to President Carter, who discussed his book "The Grand Failure: The Birth & Death of Communism in the 20th Century." More recently, C-SPAN interviewed Albert Gore and Robert Reich, before they moved on to positions of national leadership.

Some of the other prominent national figures interviewed throughout the years have included former President Richard Nixon, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Senator Paul Simon, President Truman's biographer David McCullogh, Russian scholar Robert Massie, Washington Post Correspondent Lou Cannon, New York Times Columnist Anthony Lewis, Librarian of Congress James Billington.

Upcoming on-air schedule is as follows:

- * March 28, 8:00-9:00 PM/ET (5:00-6:00 PM/PT)-- "Booknotes" will interview Michael Kelly, the author of "Martyrs' Day: Chronicle of a Small War."
- * April 4, 8:00-9:00 PM/ET (5:00-6:00 PM/PT)-- Nadine Cohodas will discuss her book "Strom Thurmond & the Politics of Southern Change."
- * April 11, 8:00-9:00 PM/ET (5:00-6:00 PM/PT)-- Blanche Wiesen Cook, will appear on "Booknotes" to talk about "Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume 1, 1884-1933".

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