

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Ann Pryor, Senior Communications Manager

Ph: (212) 407-1526 / apryor@KensingtonBooks.com

**“Christopher Gorham's authoritative new biography
will put Anna Rosenberg where she belongs:
among the most outstanding yet unsung women of the 20th century.”**

~ **Nigel Hamilton**, prize-winning biographer and author of the
FDR at War trilogy and *JFK: Reckless Youth*

THE CONFIDANTE

The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win World WWII and Shape Modern America

by Christopher C. Gorham

On sale February 21, 2023

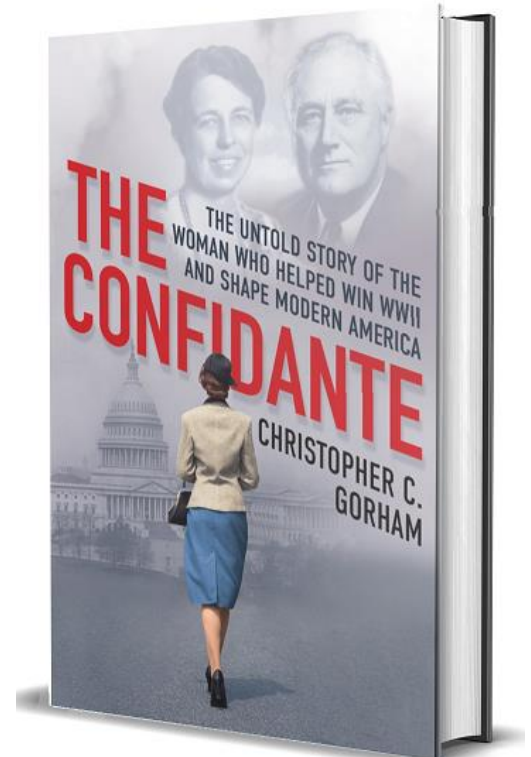
Timed to Women's History Month, March 2023

***Life Magazine* called Anna Rosenberg “far and away the most important woman in the
American government, and perhaps the most important official female in the world.”**

From modest immigrant beginnings--lacking even a high school diploma—Anna Rosenberg rose to the highest levels of American power and stayed there, shaping national policies in areas dominated by men: business, the military, and politics. Her impact on the nation, vital to victory and postwar prosperity, can be felt even today.

THE CONFIDANTE: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America (on-sale February 21, 2023) illuminates one of the most influential women in modern American history. Deeply researched, this is the first book to fully recognize Anna Rosenberg's remarkable life and contributions to America's success during and after World War II; it reveals her uncommon skills as a leader, her abilities to observe and connect, and her profound influence in shaping and implementing many of the nation's most significant public policies.

Anna Rosenberg was at the pivot points of history from the New Deal to the 1960s. As a trusted advisor to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman during WWII, her personnel plan for the Arsenal of Democracy became the nationwide model; she preserved the secrecy of the atomic bomb, and following her mission to wartime Europe, she guided the direction of the G.I. Bill. For her



contributions to victory, Anna Rosenberg became the first recipient of the Medal of Freedom. As the Cold War heated up, Anna Rosenberg was appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, where she rebuilt the military and reshaped its policies.

It was a pinnacle she may have never reached. During the desperate early days of the Korean War, a cabal of extremists led by Senator Joe McCarthy tried to prevent Rosenberg from taking her post at the Defense Department by accusing her of being a communist. She knew she wore the bull's-eye. "I was Jewish, an immigrant, pro-labor, and a woman. What could have been worse?" By unfortunate coincidence, she also shared the name of the atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Unlike other victims of McCarthyism, however, Anna emerged with her career and integrity intact.

America's success in World War II and the country's post-war boom were in large part due to her impact behind the scenes. She was at home with society ladies as much as with a conference room full of teamsters; respected by soldiers on the front lines of foreign battlefields as well as by the Presidents who sent her there. Her combination of mettle, tenacity, charm, and Bronx-style toughness was undergirded by her unwavering loyalty to her adopted country.

Fans of *Hidden Figures*, *Eleanor: A Life*, *Fly Girls*, *A Woman of No Importance*, and *Three Ordinary Girls* will savor *The Confidante's* meticulous research, its rich storytelling, and the extraordinary exploits of a subject at the heart of so many major events. Unsung until now, Anna Rosenberg deserves to take her rightful place in the history books as one of America's most important and influential women.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Christopher C. Gorham (Boston, MA) is a lawyer and teacher of modern American history at Westford Academy, outside Boston. He has degrees in history from Tufts University and the University of Michigan, where he studied under legendary historian Sidney Fine.

Gorham has a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he served on the editorial staff of the *Syracuse Law Review*. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Post* and in online journals. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Watertown and Chatham, Massachusetts.

Learn more at <https://www.christophergorham.com/>.

Watch the book trailer here: [The Confidante Book Trailer - YouTube](#)

THE CONFIDANTE

The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America

by Christopher C. Gorham

On Sale: February 21, 2023

Biography / American History / Political Science

Hardcover, \$28.00 (\$37.00 CAN)

978-0-8065-4200-3

For reviews, interviews, excerpts, or more information, contact:
Ann Pryor, Senior Communications Manager, Kensington Books
apryor@kensingtonbooks.com / 212.407.1526