

GREGG HERKEN **The Georgetown Set**

Friends and Rivals in
Cold War Washington

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In the years after World War II, Georgetown's leafy streets were home to an unlikely group of cold warriors: a coterie of affluent, well-educated, well-connected civilians who helped steer American strategy from the Marshall Plan through McCarthyism, Vietnam, and the endgame of Watergate. This Georgetown set included Phil and Kay Graham, husband-and-wife publishers of the *Washington Post*; Joe and Stewart Alsop, odd-couple brothers who were among the country's premier political pundits; Frank Wisner, a manic-depressive lawyer in charge of CIA covert operations; and a host of diplomats, spies, and scholars. It was a time when presidents made foreign policy in consultation with reporters and professors—often over martinis and hors d'oeuvres—and columnists like the Alsops promoted those policies in the next day's newspapers. Gregg Herken illuminates the drama of these years and brings this remarkable roster of men and women and their world vividly to life.

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