

Two distinguished sons of Maine, **United States Senators WILLIAM COHEN and GEORGE J. MITCHELL**, have transcended party loyalties “in an unprecedented non-partisan collaboration” to co-author an illuminating inside account of the Iran-Contra hearings. **Republican SENATOR COHEN** is an accomplished political analyst, novelist and poet. He has written two books of poetry and with Senator Gary Hart, an exciting novel on espionage and terrorism. Now he has co-authored, “**Men of Zeal: A Candid Inside Story of The Iran-Contra Hearings**”. As Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator Cohen is among eight members of Congress who should have been informed of the Iran-Contra operations. He was a member of the Select Iran-Contra Committee. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1979. Privy to back-room bargains, classified information, and the intricate maneuverings of the Executive Office, the book defines the most significant events and points out blatant contradictions in the testimony.

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Co-Author **Democrat SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL**, a former federal judge, was elected to the Senate in 1982. Senator Mitchell distinguished himself by his close questioning of witnesses before the panel. Senator Mitchell is chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and is a leading candidate for election as the Senate Majority Leader. During this presidential campaign season, the senators vigorously defend their respective party tickets but have seized the historical moment of the Iran-Contra affair to warn, as did Justice Louis Brandeis, "The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding." Bold in their criticism of the President, the Senators are also candid about the failures of the Committee. The book tells of seemingly patriotic men of zeal; five of them may soon be on trial for conspiracy to defraud the United States. When not withstanding the rigors of the Senate, Messrs. Cohen and Mitchell pursue very active lives amidst the natural beauty of the Pine Tree State as men of Maine.

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