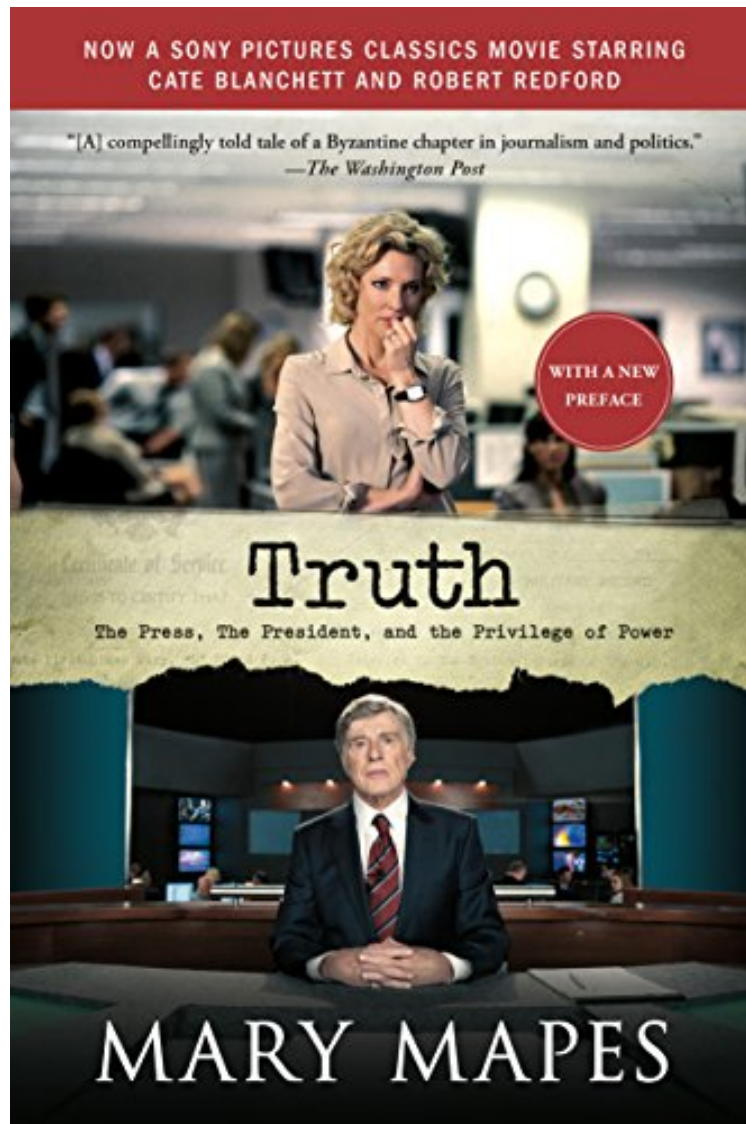


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Bush dynasty's nefarious power to keep George W from being drafted to Viet Nam. There was no doubt that George W. Bush got into the Guard in Texas because of influence. He also never served out his commitment to the Guard and used the Guard to stay out of Viet Nam. I do not fault him for that even though it is unfair and hideous but that is the world. This book is not so much about George W. Bush as it is about Viacom and CBS folding under pressure for the bottom line. We lost Mary Mapes as a journalist. That should never have happened. News today is an entertainment sport and journalists do not dare to buck the money of the Corporate headquarters. If you really want to understand why the news industry is what it is today with talking heads, opinions and out right lies then read this book. Mary is hard on herself, way too hard, because she did not stand a chance with Viacom and their "investigative" witch hunt. We the people of the US have a constitutional right to a free press and that stopped with what happened to Mary Mapes and to Dan Rather. This lady is a journalist hero, nothing less. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. WERE SHE A HE, SHE WOULD STILL HAVE HER JOBBY Barbara Grimaldi Mary was treated very harshly and lost job and career because of it. Had she been a man, she would still be at CBS. I firmly believe this. And i also believe that that letter may have not been the authentic one, but that he did get away with every trick in the Guard because of daddy. Very sad and upsetting story.

A riveting play-by-play of a reporter getting and defending a story that recalls All the President's Men, Truthputs readers in the center of the "60 Minutes II" story on George W. Bush's shirking of his National Guard duty. The firestorm that followed that broadcast--a conflagration that was carefully sparked by the right and fanned by bloggers--trashed Mapes' well-respected twenty-five year producing career, caused newsman Dan Rather to resign from his anchor chair early and led to an unprecedented "internal inquiry" into the story...chaired by former Reagan attorney general Richard Thornburgh. Truth examines Bush's political roots as governor of Texas, delves into what is known about his National Guard duty-or lack of service-and sheds light on the solidity of the documents that backed up the National Guard story, even including images of the actual documents in an appendix to the book. It is peopled with a colorful cast of characters--from Karl Rove to Sumner Redstone--and moves from small-town Texas to Black Rock--CBS corporate headquarters--in New York City. Truth connects the dots between a corporation under fire from the federal government and the decision about what kinds of stories a news network may cover. It draws a line from reporting in the trenches to the gutting of the great American tradition of a independent media and asks whether it's possible to break important stories on a powerful sitting president. Truth (previously published as Truth Duty) was made into the 2015 film Truth, starring Cate Blanchett, Robert Redford, Topher Grace and Elizabeth Moss.

Unflinching; Vanity Fair; A compellingly told tale of a Byzantine chapter in journalism and politics...there's more to the Bush Guard story than we've learned so far; The Washington Post; Illuminating; The Buffalo News; Mary Mapes succeeds in telling her story fearlessly, humorously and compellingly; The Dallas Morning News About the Author Mary Mapes was an award-winning television news producer and reporter for twenty-five years, fifteen of them for CBS News, primarily for CBS Evening News with Dan Rather and 60 Minutes II. She lives in Dallas, Texas.