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The Communist: Frank Marshall Davis: The Untold Story Of Barack Obama's Mentor



Synopsis

In his memoir, Barack Obama omits the full name of his mentor, simply calling him "Frank." Now, the truth is out: Never has a figure as deeply troubling and controversial as Frank Marshall Davis had such an impact on the development of an American president. Although other radical influences on Obama - from Jeremiah Wright to Bill Ayers - have been scrutinized, the public knows little about Davis, a card-carrying member of the Communist Party USA, cited by the Associated Press as an "important influence" on Obama, one whom he "looked to" not merely for "advice on living" but as a "father" figure. While the Left has willingly dismissed Davis (with good reason), here are the indisputable, eye-opening facts: Frank Marshall Davis was a pro-Soviet, pro-Red China communist. His Communist Party USA card number, revealed in FBI files, was CP number 47544. He was a prototype of the loyal Soviet patriot, so radical that the FBI placed him on the federal government's Security Index. In the early 1950s, Davis opposed U.S. attempts to slow Stalin and Mao. He favored Red Army takeovers of Central and Eastern Europe, and communist control in Korea and Vietnam. Dutifully serving the cause, he edited and wrote for communist newspapers in both Chicago and Honolulu, courting contributors who were Soviet agents. In the 1970s, amid this dangerous political theater, Frank Marshall Davis came into Barack Obama's life. Aided by access to explosive declassified FBI files, Soviet archives, and Davis's original newspaper columns, Paul Kengor explores how Obama sought out Davis and how Davis found in Obama an impressionable young man, one susceptible to Davis's worldview that opposed American policy and traditional values while praising communist regimes. Kengor sees remnants of this worldview in Obama's early life and even, ultimately, his presidency. Kengor charts with definitive accuracy the progression of Davis's communist ideas from Chicago to Hawaii. He explores how certain elements of the Obama administration's agenda reflect Davis's columns advocating wealth redistribution, government stimulus for "public works projects," taxpayer-funding of universal health care, and nationalizing General Motors. Davis's writings excoriated the "tentacles of big business," blasted Wall Street and "greedy" millionaires, lambasted GOP tax cuts that "spare the rich," attacked "excess profits" and oil companies, and perceived the Catholic Church as an obstacle to his vision for the state - all the while echoing Davis's often repeated mantra for transformational and fundamental "change." And yet, The Communist is not unsympathetic to Davis, revealing him as something of a victim, an African American who suffered devastating racial persecution in the Jim Crow era, steering this justly angered young man on a misguided political track. That Davis supported violent and heartless communist regimes over his own country is impossible to defend. That he was a source of inspiration to President Barack Obama is impossible to ignore. Is Obama working to fulfill the

dreams of Frank Marshall Davis? That question has been impossible to answer, since Davis's writings and relationship with Obama have either been deliberately obscured or dismissed as irrelevant. With Kengor's *The Communist*, Americans can finally weigh the evidence and decide for themselves.

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Customer Reviews

Author kept it interesting, credible and balanced. Did not accuse but instead backed up all of his work. The book was rather disturbing given that the subject of the book was a mentor to our current president. It also helped to explain the questionable actions taken by our current president. I would definitely read other books written by Mr. Kengor.

I had always assumed that talk of Obama as a Communist was hyperbole. And that reverences to people in Obama's past, such as Frank Davis, was smearing built on nonsense. Then I read Kengor's book. Kengor makes very few judgments in this book. Instead, he presents a huge amount of facts, almost all first hand sources, and gives footnotes. Reader's can make their own conclusions. This is not fast or easy reading. The threads of Communism that intertwine or run parallel for the decades building up from the 30's until Davis meets Obama is its own story and not easy to follow. But it is important. In addition to learning about Frank Davis, and Obama, I learned quite a bit about Communists in general and how they work their disinformation and spread

influence. A great fact-based book on an important topic. Worth studying.

This a must read! What was most breath taking to me was the revelation of anti American activity in this country by communists since the 1920s! This book will make clear what we've been seeing recently.

This book is about Frank. Frank had a problem: he hated his country. What did he do? He became a member of the Communist Party of the USA (#47544), where people who hated America found a other people they could party with. Frank Marshall Davis was an African-American born in Kansas in 1905. He would later become a journalist, writing on civil rights issues. Still later, he would fall into a bad crowd, like Paul Robeson (who would be awarded the Stalin Peace Prize) and Ben Davis, associate editor for the Daily Worker. During WWII, a war which saw the CPUSA flop TWICE on orders from Moscow and also saw many American "progressives" quit in disgust, Frank decided to get on board. He edited Red papers in Atlanta and Chicago before suddenly packing up and moving to Hawaii. Frank never deviated from the Party Line. Even as America revived Europe with the Marshall Plan and Truman rid the Armed Forces of segregation via executive order Frank vilified the United States and praised Stalin and the USSR in the pages of the Honolulu Record. America was the great evil in the world and communism its greatest hope... at least in Frank's mind. But his thoughts and opinions in the 1940s, 50s and 60s are inconsequential, written as they were in Red newspapers which were only followed by Marx's disciples. It is the 1970s when Frank might have done his worst damage to the United States of America: he began mentoring a young man by the name of Barry Obama. Obama's biological father was in Kenya and his (first) stepfather was in Indonesia, leaving Frank to bitterly warn Obama against "the American Way and all that s***." Obama would later mention Frank several times in his autobiography. Well-written and well-researched, this book covers a topic that the mainstream media would rather not talk about. And the proof of this man is available for all to see, thanks to the end of the USSR and the CPUSA records kept in Moscow. Dr. Kengor does not say Obama is a communist. But Frank was there when Obama needed a father figure. And we know what kind of attitude that father had.

THE BOOK WAS VERY INTERESTING WHICH I ALREADY KNEW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BARACK OBAMA AND FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. I WONDER IF THE AMERICAN VOTER KNEW THIS I BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT PRESIDENT IN 2008 AND 2012. BECAUSE I KNEW ABOUT IT AND I HAD BEEN TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO FIGHT

THE COMMUNISTS, THERE WAS IN NO WAY THAT I WAS EVER GOING TO PUT A PERSON WHO HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH A FBI KNOWN COMMUNIST (DAVIS) INTO THE WHITE HOUSE. I ONLY HOPE NOW THAT THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOW WHO THEIR CANDIDATE REALLY IS BEFORE THEY VOTE. I AM A REPUBLICAN BUT IF THERE WAS EVER A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LIKE OBAMA I WOULD VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. MY DAD WOULD BE ROLLING OVER IN HIS GRAVE RIGHT NOW. HE FOUGHT THE JAPANESE IN WORLD WAR 2, THE COMMUNIST IN SOUTH KOREA DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND THE COMMUNIST IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

Excellent detailed account about a man who syenites to undo America and send it down the wrong path.. Despite him doing that I feel not only malice towards Frank Marshall Davis but pity as well!!! This book goes into detail about the bigotry and racism that he faced!! The racism he faced growing up was inexcusable but so was his unwavering support of the brutal oppressive Soviet Union and its leaders. Frank Marshall Davis was definitely a blind follower to the Soviet Premiere Joseph Stalin. Does not bore you and I believe you will find this book interesting.

I saw Dr. Kengor in Dinesh D'Souza's groundbreaking documentary "2016: Obama's America." I then decided it would be prudent to do some digging on one of Obama's radical mentors. In this case, it would be Frank Marshall Davis who was a card carrying member of Communist Party USA, card # 47544. I enjoyed the last third of the book the most because it focused mostly on Barack Obama's relationship to Davis. The first two thirds focuses on the words and deeds of Frank Marshall Davis. Its an excellent read and I know much more about Barack Obama and Frank Marshall Davis than I wish I did.

In Today's American Holocaust, Communism has melted into our social fabric. Not only is it there, it stands on the verge of erasing American doctrine. This book ventures into that world. Kengor is an expert scholar on Communism. He is not a Communist.If that other perspective interests you, read Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals" published in 1970. It conceived the socalled "Community Organizer" concept.WE live with its consequences.

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