

WILLIAM SAFIRE  
Biography

William Safire is a man of many careers: reporter, public relations man, politician, historian, novelist, lexicographer and columnist.

As a reporter, he worked on a column in The New York Herald Tribune and later served as a correspondent for New York radio and television stations.

As a PR man, he built a firm serving dozens of corporate and financial clients.

As a politician, he worked on the first Eisenhower Presidential campaign and later became a Senior Speechwriter in the Nixon White House. Safire escaped from there in time to do a stint as a historian, writing "Before The Fall," a history of the pre-Watergate White House.

As a lexicographer, he is author of "Safire's New Political Dictionary," a half-million word study of the words that have inspired and inflamed the electorate.

As a novelist, he wrote "Full Disclosure," a best-seller about a president under fire. His latest novel is "Sleeper Spy."

As a political columnist, Safire began his twice-weekly column twenty years ago in The New York Times, writing from the point of view of a libertarian conservative. He is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary and is now a member of the Pulitzer Board.