





# I Am a Secret Service Agent

*My Life Spent Protecting the President*

Dan Emmett with Charles Maynard

Adapted from *Within Arm's Length* for a young adult audience, a rare inside look at the Secret Service from an agent who protected Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

Dan Emmett was just eight years old when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The events surrounding the President's death shaped the course of young Emmett's life as he set a goal of becoming a US Secret Service agent—one of a special group of people willing to trade their lives for that of the President, if necessary.

*I Am A Secret Service Agent* is the essential book on the Secret Service—with stories from some of the author's more high-profile assignments in his twenty-one years of service, where he provided protection worldwide for Presidents George Herbert Walker Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, and George W. Bush. Dan Emmett describes the professional challenges faced by Secret Service agents as well as the physical and emotional toll that can be inflicted on both agents and their families. *I Am A Secret Service Agent* also shares firsthand details about the duties and challenges of conducting presidential advances, dealing with the media, driving the President in a bullet-proof limousine, running alongside him through the streets of Washington, and flying with him on Air Force One.

With fascinating anecdotes, Emmett weaves keen insight into the unique culture and history of the Secret Service with the inner workings of the White House.

## PRAISE

"A heart-pumping account. . . Readers will admire Emmett's discipline, commitment, physical strength, and endurance." —*Publishers Weekly*

"He . . . join[ed] the Presidential Protective Division to work both 'shift' assignments and on more heavily armed Counter Assault Teams during the Bush and Clinton administrations. . . A tough job for tough-minded people—rewarding but with a heavy load of responsibility." —*Kirkus Review*

"Very moving!" —Jake Tapper, CNN correspondent and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Outpost*

After a stint in the Marine Corps, DAN EMMETT joined the United States Secret Service, serving on the elite Counter Assault Team before being selected for the most coveted of all assignments in the Secret Service, the Presidential Protective Division. After 21 years as an agent, Emmett retired from the Secret Service and today is an adjunct professor as well as a security consultant for both private industry and the United States government.

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